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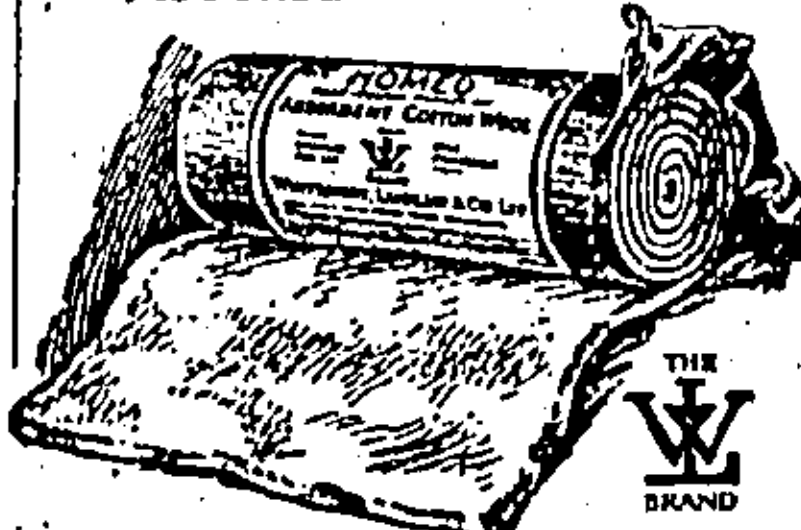
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CHINKIANG BOMBARDED

SOCONY TANK SET ABLAZE.

MILITARY SITUATION OBSCURE.

FENG'S REPORTED BIG VICTORY.

The Northern forces on Saturday night and Sunday morning heavily bombarded Chinkiang. One of the Standard Oil Company's tanks was set on fire by the shelling, but the blaze was extinguished within two hours.

The military situation is obscure. However, it is reported that General Feng Yu-hsiang has gained a big victory at Cheng Chow against the Northerners, but whether this is to be counted an advantage for Chiang Kai-shek or the Reds is uncertain.

FINAL GAMBLE.

Reds' Desperate Attack On North.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, May 23.

The latest drive against the North can be interpreted only as a very desperate gamble by the Reds for existence.

From controlling half of China their domains have dwindled to



General Feng Yu-hsiang who is reported to have won a big victory.

the immediate Wuhan area. Except for Russian funds the Government is bankrupt.

Hence the summoning of all resources for smashing through the centre of North China in a final fling which may end in a drive against Peking or ignominious flight through Shensi Province to Mongolia.

To-day's news is that the tension at Hankow has been slightly eased by the reports of Communist victories in Honan Province, the truth of which is partially indicated by the fact that the railway from Hankow is clear to Chumai in Honan, where the main Fengtien body was formerly encamped.

On the other hand Hankow is caring less on the front southward of Wuchang where about 10,000 troops of the anti-Red allies are still threatening Wuhan from twenty miles away.

SOCONY TANKS.

Set On Fire During Heavy Bombardment.

Chinkiang, May 22.

Chinkiang was subjected to a heavy bombardment from the North Bank (held by the Northerners) on Saturday night and early Sunday morning, one of the Standard Oil Company's tanks being set on fire. The bombardment stopped shortly afterwards, and the fire was extinguished within two hours, there being no casualties as a result of it or the bombardment.

Firing Across River.

The local Chinese community, however, are alarmed at the danger constituted by the presence of oil tanks and have requested both oil companies, through the medium of the Police, to withdraw all oil stocks.

There has been considerable machine gun and field gun firing between opposing factions, both up and down the river on both banks and the Southerners' guns at Silver Island fired a few rounds in response to the Northerners' bombardment.

Anti-Communist Posters.
Reports have been received of the alleged landing of Northerners on Gold Island last night and of a rumoured counter-move by the Southerners from Chinkiang. The situation, however, is obscure.

Anti-Communist posters appeared in the City to-day.

The U.S. steamship "Pueblo" replied to fire which was opened on her from the South Bank on Friday.—British Naval Wireless.

Big Victory For Feng?
Shanghai, May 22.

It is reported that General Feng Yu-hsiang has gained a considerable victory at Cheng Chow in the course of his engagements with the Fengtien troops on the borders of Honan and Shansi.—British Naval Wireless.

[The "Christian" General, whose changes in allegiance are somewhat notorious, has been engaged for some time against the Fengtien enemies of General Chiang Kai-shek. If he is anti-Red, the above victory (which has yet to be confirmed) will further complicate matters for the Communists, for Cheng Chow is an important junction leading in one direction to Peking and in the other to Shansi, and as stated by Reuter recently, it must be held by the Communists if their forces, in the event of retreat, are to escape to Mongolia, the path to which lies through Shensi.]

A.P.C. House Seized.

Wuhu, May 22.

Troops have again commandeered the A.P.C. house, and a new wireless telegraph installation has been erected.

A strong protest has been lodged.—British Naval Wireless.

Troops For Pukow.

Nanking, May 22.

Troops continue to arrive by train and some are being sent to Pukow.—British Naval Wireless.

YANGTSE FIRING.

Japanese Warship Silences Attackers.

Shanghai, May 23.

The Japanese destroyers "Hinoki" and "Yanagi," which left Shanghai for Hankow yesterday afternoon were fired on at noon to-day off Kiangyin by Northerners from the left bank and Southerners from the right bank.

The "Yanagi" replied and silenced the attackers. Neither vessel was damaged.—Reuter.

VISITING SHANGHAI.

Sir Miles Lampson and Admiral Tyrwhitt.

Rugby, May 22.

Sir Miles Lampson has arrived in Shanghai to consult the authorities there on the general Yangtse situation.

Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, who had been on a voyage up the Yangtse, left Hankow yesterday in the flagship "Hawkins" for Nanking and is expected in Shanghai in a few days.—British Wireless Service.

Shanghai, May 23.

H.M.S. "Hawkins" has arrived here.—Reuter.

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HARD LUCK.

British Airmen's Forced Landing.

RECORD HELD FOR AN HOUR.

Rugby, May 22.
Late this afternoon the Ministry was still awaiting news of Flight Lieutenants Carr and Gillman, Royal Air Force pilots, who left Cranwell, Lincolnshire, on Friday morning in an attempt to reach India without alighting.

The airmen hoped under favourable circumstances to complete the journey in forty hours.—British Wireless Service.

Machine Wrecked.

Simla, May 22.

Flight Lieutenants Carr and Gillman made a forced landing in the sea in the Persian Gulf yesterday evening 45 miles south-east of Bunder Abbas. The airmen were picked up by a ship.—Reuter.

The machine is a total wreck.—Reuter.

Non-Stop Record.

London, May 22.

As far as can be ascertained at present Flight Lieutenants Carr and Gillman enjoyed for an hour the honour of holding the world's non-stop record. The airmen landed in the Persian Gulf at 9.15 in the evening, British summer time, on Saturday. It is as yet unlikely, they beat the French Paris-to-Jakarta record, they thus held the world's record until 10.22 in the evening, when Captain Lindbergh landed at Le Bourget.

The French record was 3,345 miles, while Flight Lieutenants Carr and Gillman had apparently flown 3,400 miles, or 200 miles less than Captain Lindbergh.—Reuter.

[Saturday's cables stated: Flight Lieutenants Carr and Gillman have left Cranwell in a seven-ton Hawker bomber h.p. Rolls Royce engine, in an attempt to create a world's non-stop flight record. They hope to reach the vicinity of Calcutta. They are equipped with handbilled eggs, tins of beef, raisins, biscuits, apple and pear dross, water, vacuum flasks of tea and coffee and with the biggest load of petrol ever carried by an aeroplane. A bed is fitted where the aviators can take alternate spells of sleep. The most critical part of the flight is expected to be the crossing of the Taurus mountains at night time.]

HEAVY RAINS.

LOCAL RECORDS NOT BROKEN.

LIGHTNING STRIKES HOUSE.

Hong Kong residents will be surprised to learn that, though the rainfall on Sunday morning and last night was exceptionally heavy, there is no suggestion of anything in the way of breaking records.

7.78 inches fell during the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, but this has been exceeded in May many times before, notably in 1889, when 20.49 inches fell on a single day.

Neither is there any possibility of the month's total figures creating a record (unless the phenomenal rainfall of June last year is repeated shortly). We are below half of the record rainfall for May which was created in 1889 when the month's total reached 48.84!

The total rainfall so far this year is 41.43 inches, against an average of 19.53 inches.

Weather Forecast.

Light South or variable winds; overcast with rain at first, finer later, is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day, barometer, 29.78; temperature, 74; humidity 99; wind S. (force 2).

Peak Home Struck.

During yesterday morning's thunderstorm lightning struck No. 460, The Peak, a house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. D. Forrest and Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Birch. The incident occurred about 8.40 a.m., and fortunately was not attended by any personal mishap. The part of the building struck was a gable on the north side. A stone ornament and the supporting structure of bricks and mortar were smashed to bits, and were thrown a considerable distance into the garden. Considerable damage was done to the electrical fittings and some damage to the telephone. The house has a lightning conductor but this is on an opposite corner to the one struck.

GREAT ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

CAPTAIN LINDBERGH'S TRIUMPH.

FURTHER DRAMATIC DETAILS.

LIVING ON SANDWICHES AND WATER.

Further details regarding Captain Lindbergh's lone dash across the Atlantic only serve to emphasize the "almost superhuman" nature of the achievement. During the flight Captain Lindbergh constantly changed his altitude in an effort to dodge the clouds, sometimes flying only a few feet from the waves and at others soaring 10,000 feet high.

IDOL OF PARIS.

A Visit to Nungesser's Mother.

Paris, May 22.

Captain Lindbergh subsisted more on a few sandwiches and water. He encountered rain more than a thousand miles over the Atlantic and constantly changed his altitude in an effort to dodge the clouds, sometimes flying only a few feet from the waves and at others soaring 10,000 feet high.

Captain Lindbergh did not see a single ship between Newfoundland and Ireland. He easily identified Paris by the glare of the beacon.

He declared he had still enough petrol when he landed for another thousand miles.—Reuter.

SPECTATORS INJURED.

Souvenir Hunters Damage Machine.

Paris, May 22.

Ten persons were injured, two critically, in last night's casualties on Captain Lindbergh's arrival.

The landing ground to-day was indescribably strewn with wreckage of all kinds.

The wings and fuselage of the aeroplane have been considerably damaged by souvenir hunters.

Posing in Pyjamas.

Photographers all day long waited patiently for Captain Lindbergh to awake. Finally they were gratified by the airman's appearance on the Embassy lawn clad in pyjamas on which he posed.

Captain Lindbergh announced his intention to visit Captain Nungesser's mother immediately.

M. Doumergue, the President, has sent a message of congratulations to President Coolidge who replied thanking him for the congratulations and referring sorrowfully to the loss of Captain Nungesser.

Sir Alan Cobham Hops Across.

President Coolidge added that the progress of aviation was largely due to France's genius.

Sir Alan Cobham flew over from Croydon personally to congratulate Captain Lindbergh on behalf of British airmen.—Reuter.

BLUSHING AVIATOR.

Besieged by Crowds and Press.

Paris, May 22.

The United States Embassy has been the "Mecca" of enthusiastic crowds calling on Captain Lindbergh to show himself, which he eventually did, clad in a suit and shirt belonging to the United States Ambassador as he brought no luggage of his own.

Captain Lindbergh, blushing scarlet, found the acclamations embarrassing, and heaved a sigh of relief when he was able to withdraw.

Thereafter he faced a second ordeal of telling the story of the flight to the newspapers.

To the question what was the worst moment of the trip, the airman laughingly replied: "Sure, this."

Captain Nungesser's Mother.

There was a dramatic moment when Captain Lindbergh later visited Madame Nungesser.

He entered the house bareheaded and was so moved for a moment that he was unable to speak.

Finally in a shaking voice, speaking in English, he told her how he had reserved his visit for the mother of Captain Nungesser, whom he knew in New York, and whose courage he so much admired.

Affecting Scenes.

Captain Lindbergh conveyed the grief of all America that the search up to the present had been fruitless.

When the speech was translated, Madame Nungesser bravely declared she had not lost hope. Thereafter she broke down and sobbed, and held Captain Lindbergh in her arms.—Reuter.

British Prize.

Rugby, May 22.

The newspapers pay glowing tributes to Captain Charles Lindbergh who arrived at Paris last night after non-stop flight from New York. He is the first airman

to attempt the crossing of the Northern Atlantic alone by air. He accomplished this daring feat on a monoplane which left New York at 7.45 on Friday morning and he arrived at Paris at 10.22 last night.

The Atlantic has now been flown by several men but on only one occasion has the Atlantic been crossed by aeroplane.

This was the effort by Sir John Alcock and Sir David Brown who crossed from St. John's Newfoundland to Clifden Ireland in 1919.—British Wireless.

Italian Premier's Tribute.

Rome, May 23.

Signor Mussolini, the Prime Minister, has sent a message to Captain Lindbergh paying tribute to the superhuman will which has taken space by storm and subdued it.

The feat is one which will ever remain a memory to men and a glory to Captain Lindbergh and his people.—Reuter.

Comdr. Byrd Next.

New York, May 22.

Commander Byrd intends to follow the trail across the Atlantic blazed by Captain Lindbergh whose feat Captain Byrd holds to be "almost superhuman."—Reuter's American Service.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

The Cable's Story of The Flight.

St. John, Newfoundland, May 21.

Lindbergh passed over here at 8.45 p.m. local time.

London, May 21, 3.20 p.m.

The American airman Lindbergh has been sighted a hundred miles from Valencia.

Later.

Enquiries of the Valencia Wireless Station fail to confirm the reported presence of Lindbergh, but other reports received indicate that he has passed over Kerry, Cork.

London, May 21, 9.45 p.m.

Up to the present no confirmed reports of Lindbergh's exact position have been received, but a New York message states that the airman passed over Bayeux, while information has reached London to the effect that he flew along the English coast passing over Cornwall and South Devon.

Paris, May 21, 9.45 p.m.

A monoplane, believed to be Lindbergh's passed over Cherbourg at 8.30 this evening.

Paris, May 21, 10.05 p.m.

The monoplane was last reported to be passing over Ouistreham on the direct line for Havre and Paris.

London, May 21, 10.55 p.m.

The American airman, Lindbergh, landed at Paris at 10.21 p.m.—Reuter.

Le Bourget, May 21.

The American aviator, Lindbergh, arrived at 10.22 p.m. crossing from New York to Paris in 32 hours and 22 minutes.—Havas.

Great Welcome.

Paris, May 22.

Captain Lindbergh landed at the Le Bourget Aerodrome at 10.22 p.m. (official time).

Thousands of people thronged the aerodrome and the roads in the vicinity were completely blocked by motor-cars and charabancs, conveying sightseers.

The flood of enquiries hopelessly jammed all communications between Paris and Le Bourget.

Huge crowds gathered in the central streets all the evening, awaiting with greatest eagerness, bulletins of the flight, which were flashed by luminous signs.

Interest changed to a feverish excitement until the announcement of the landing raised a wild burst of cheering all over Paris.

Perfect Landing.

Lindbergh's monoplane made a graceful landing, and the crowd immediately surged around the machine, knocking down policemen and sentries in their eagerness to welcome the lone Atlantic flier.

Lindbergh was lifted from the machine and carried shoulder-high. His face was drawn and wan, but he waited for twenty minutes amid the cheering multitude, and tried to smile and wave his arms in acknowledgment.—Reuter.

Emotional Multitude.

Paris, May 22.

A human barrier estimated to number 150,000 people was surrounding the Le Bourget aerodrome for two hours before Lindbergh

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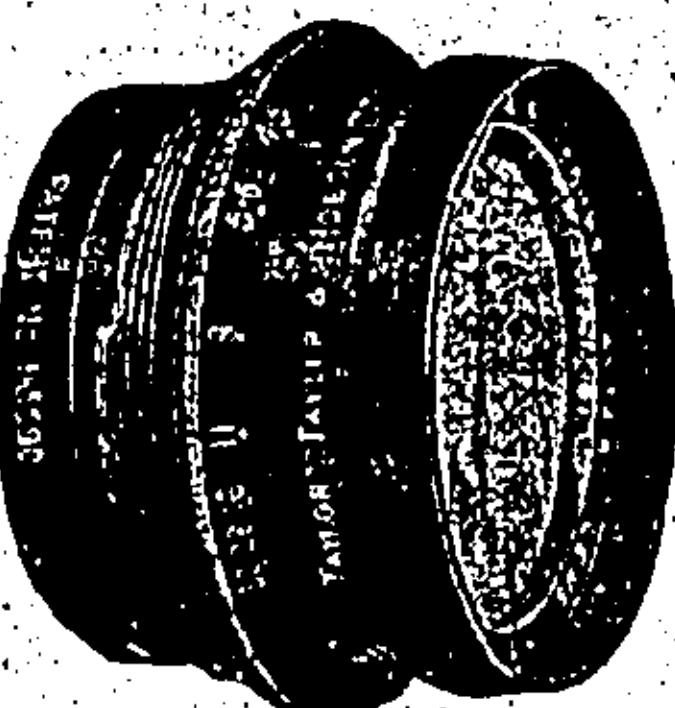
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WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on May 1, 1927.—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam	4' 9" B. 12' 11" B.	
Tytam Byewash	21' 9" B. 18' 4" B.	
Tytam Intermediate	3' 4" B. 10' 0" B.	
Tytam Tuk	38' 4" B. 28' 4" B.	
Wong Nei Chung	9' 10" B. 21' 7" B.	
Pokfulum	0' 3" B. 12' 1" B.	

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow." A denotes "Above Overflow."] Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Tytam	345.54	283.99
Tytam Byewash	1.93	3.07
Tytam Intermediate	17.54	143.90
Tytam Tuk	652.68	820.00
Wong Nei Chung	18.69	8.80
Pokfulum	65.46	39.93

Total

	1926	1927
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of April:—		
Consumption	183.85	215.29
Estimated population 400,740 411,000		
Consumption per head	15.3	17.4

Services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains only up to the 10th and Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts West of Garden Road during April 1927 and Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts East of Garden Road during April 1927.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir ..	0' 11" B. 18' 0" B.	
Reception Reservoir ..	23' 1" B. 20' 4" B.	
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Kowloon Reservoir ..	284.28	191.59
Reception Reservoir ..	24.40	31.48
Total	308.68	223.03

Consumption of water in Kowloon, in millions and decimals of gallons, during the month of April.

	1926	1927
Consumption	527.78	81.86
Estimated population 154,780 150,820		
Consumption per head	11.4	17.0

Restricted Supply in all districts up to the 12th and full supply in all districts from April 13, 1927. Full supply in all districts during April 1927.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to April 30, 1926, 24.62; April 30, 1927, 16.82.

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The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Tai Koo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Hillside)	297
Mainland	
Caimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

NOTICES.

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NOTICE.

FROM This Date and during the Absence of the undersigned from the Colony, Mr. W. E. SMITH is appointed Acting General Manager of the Society.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th May, 1927.

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PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th May, 1927.

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PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th May, 1927.

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Entries will close at 1 p.m. on MONDAY, 23rd May, 1927.
Hong Kong, 17th May, 1927.

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THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on TUESDAY, 7th June, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th May to 7th June, 1927, both days inclusive.

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MR. CHEN.

Bombastic Reply to British Note.

THE HANKOW FAILURE.

The texts are now available of the Note despatched to the Hankow Government prior to the withdrawal of H.B.M.'s representative, also of Mr. Eugene Chen's reply. Following are the texts of the Notes:—

The British Note.
Firstly, that of Mr. B. C. Newton to Mr. Eugene Chen.
Sir,—As representative of His Britannic Majesty's Minister acting in fulfillment of instructions received from His Majesty's Government, I am directed to make to you the following communication.
2. The authorities in Hankow for whom you act as spokesman have freely announced their intention and claimed their ability to assume the full responsibilities of a modern government. Actuated by sincere appreciation of the ideals of the Chinese people and anxiety to disregard any regime which might eventually substantiate a claim to speak either on behalf of the Chinese nation or of an important section thereof, His Majesty's Government have gone out of their way to meet the aspirations which you claimed to voice and they hoped for a response in a spirit of sincerity and statesmanship.

"Unjustified Possession."
With full authority His Majesty's Minister entered into frank and friendly discussions with you at Hankow on his arrival in China and subsequently despatched a personal representative to Hankow in order to maintain contact. Yet within a month of His Majesty's Minister's departure from Hankow the British concession was over-run and the Southern troops admitted for the purpose of restoring order remained there in unjustified possession. Nevertheless in order to give still further evidence of willingness on their side to do their utmost to put their relations with all sections of the Chinese people on a satisfactory footing, His Majesty's Government made the agreement surrendering the greater part of the safeguards hitherto maintained for British nationals in the Concession and placing the ultimate responsibility for proper administration of the area in the hands of the Southern authorities. On January 27 His Majesty's Government furthermore communicated generous and far reaching proposals to you through Mr. O'Malley offering to waive a number of British treaty rights by their own unilateral act.

Communists' Failure.
3. In spite of the continuous proof of sincerity and goodwill given by His Majesty's Government in these and many other ways, conditions for British Subjects in the areas then controlled from Hankow grew worse and worse, and a campaign of abusive and anti-British propaganda continued until the general insecurity for trade, property and even life reached such a point that British Subjects had to evacuate every port west of Hankow. The province of Hunan which was first to come under control on the advance from Canton, Hankow was reduced to a state of almost complete anarchy. Other provinces suffered likewise in proportion to the extent which Communist influence invaded them from Hankow.

Of conditions existing at Hankow itself it is hardly necessary to speak. The trade of the port is at an almost complete standstill whilst withdrawal of so many of its residents evinces a sufficiently general feeling of insecurity. At Chinkiang in spite of your specific assurance to the contrary the British concession was over-run, British property and the British Consulate were occupied and a climax, which shocked the civilized world, was reached in the murderous outrages at Nanking on March 24.

Reasons For Withdrawal.
4. While there is no change in the British policy towards the legitimate aspirations of the Chinese people wherever authoritatively "enunciated," it is clear that those for whom you speak have failed to make good their claim to govern in accordance with the standards of a responsible modern Government. They have even shirked the responsibility of accepting the moderately moderate terms presented to them for settlement of the outrages at Nanking. His Majesty's Government have accordingly been forced to the conclusion which I now convey to you that my retention as the representative of His Majesty's Minister at the seat of a regime so totally incapable of discharging the responsibilities of a civilized Government is both useless and undesirable and in accordance with instructions I am therefore leaving Hankow forthwith.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,
(Sd.) B. C. NEWTON
Mr. Chen's Reply.

The reply to Mr. B. C. Newton from Mr. Eugene Chen is as follows:—The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government acknowledges the receipt of the communication dated May 17, which has been made to him by the British Minister through his representative at Wuhan. In disclaiming his Government's responsibility for the course of events indicated in the communication under reply, the Minister for Foreign Affairs has to emphasize the fact that however sincere may be the British

Government's appreciation of the ideals of the Chinese people, it is only by a statesmanship born of knowledge and vision that the British Government will be able to meet the aspirations which the Minister has voiced and continues to voice on behalf of Revolutionary and Nationalist China.

The British Troops.
Had their policy and action been informed by such a statesmanship, the British Government could not have failed to perceive the palpable contradiction between the policy of peace and conciliation expressed in the Hankow Agreement, and the other policy of military intervention and political sabotage necessarily implied in the despatch to Shanghai of the greatest Naval and Land forces which the British have ever concentrated in the Far East since the Opium Wars. The menacing and warlike character of the entire British Expeditionary force, with its Sea and soldiers, its Battle Cruisers, Destroyers, Gunboats, its aeroplanes, its armoured cars, and tanks, its trenches, barbed wire and sandbags, is so glaring that the British explanation of the defensive and peaceful mission of the Expeditionary force is gross cynicism.

"Gesture of Derision."
Is it any wonder, then, that the promising possibilities of the Hankow Agreement have been frustrated, and the British proposals of January 27 have seemed a gesture of derision and mockery, and conditions along the great line of the Yangtze have arisen which make it difficult to sustain the economic stability which would mean employment for workers in Britain and in Nationalist China? Instead of fastening on the British engine of war at Shanghai as the signal cause of the most extra-revolutionary activity in Nationalist territory, the British Government dig into the sand and pretend that it is "Communist influence" and not their own blunder that had agitated and inflamed Nationalist China since the conclusion of the Hankow Agreement.

"British Responsibility."
While the Ministry for Foreign Affairs has indignantly repelled the allegations that those for whom he speaks have failed to make good their claim to govern in accordance with the standards of a responsible modern government as well as to protest against misrepresentation of the Nationalist Government as a "regime" totally incapable of discharging the responsibilities of a civilized Government, he has to assign to British policy and action the main responsibility for the present state of relations between Nationalist China and Britain, and these relations will never improve as long as British statesmanship fails to realise that the Nationalist Government at Wuhan are the sole depository of state power in Nationalist China, and because they have the confidence and trust of the revolutionary masses, are alone competent and able to reach an enduring settlement with the British Government and people.

Wuhan, May 18, 1927.
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Other items included Gounod's "La Reine de Saba," Miller's "Nautical Fantasia" and Luigini's "Ballet Egyptian."

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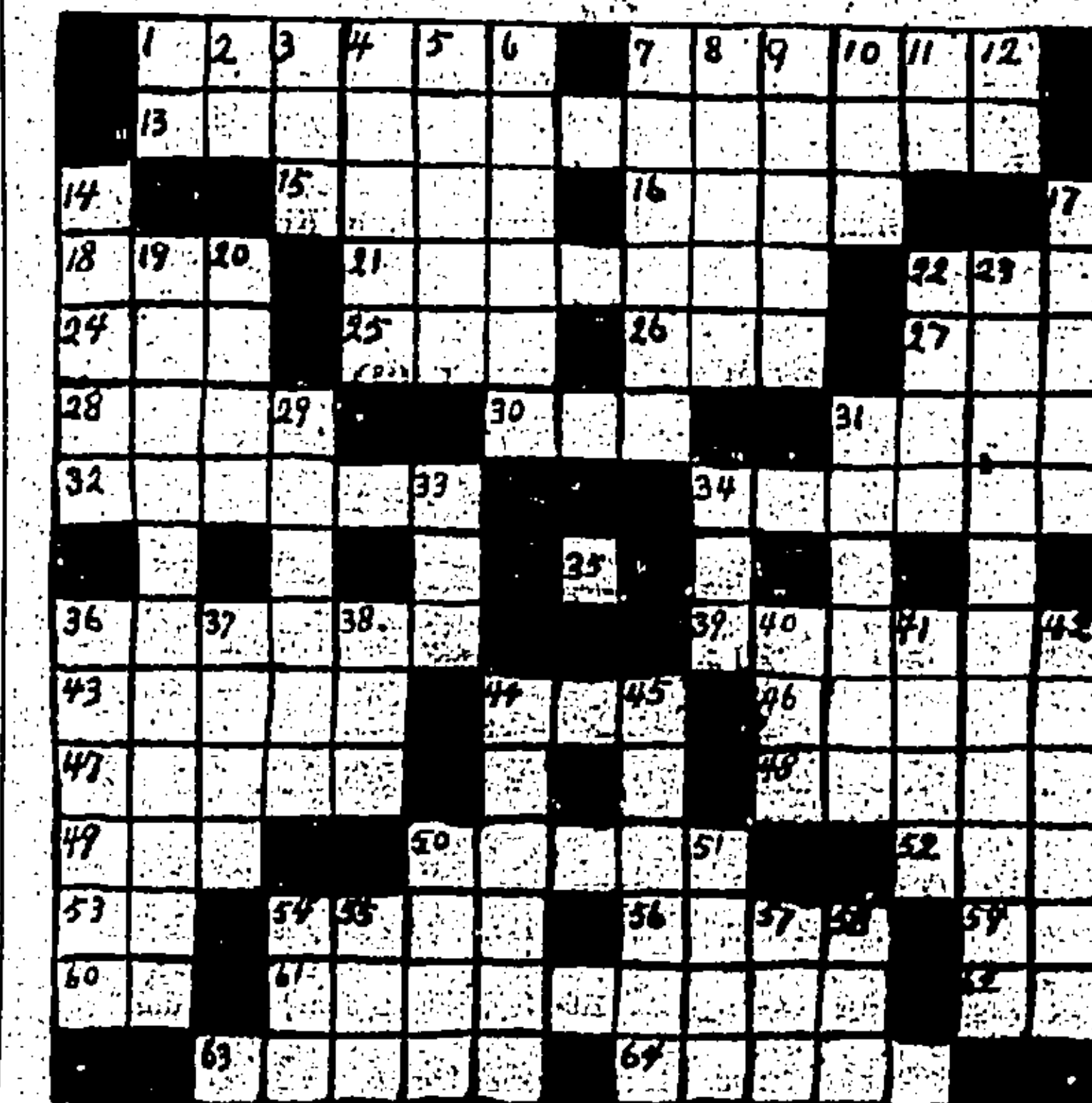
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| 1. The science of eggs. | 1. O. O. (Actual). |
| 7. A sheath formed involute, as in the Indian turban. | 2. Forward, in progression. |
| 13. One who interprets dreams. | 3. A limb. |
| 15. Exhilarating. | 4. An eye, bud, or shoot, as of a plant. |
| 16. Inlets in a river or lake. | 5. To adorn. |
| 18. Ancient name of a gun. | 6. Sings in a peculiar manner by changing from the head-voice to the chest-voice and the contrary. |
| 21. To gully. | 7. Escaped. |
| 22. Tree of the genus Ulmus. | 8. Gravely. |
| 24. To move with pressure or friction. | 9. Sulted. |
| 25. Small mound (golf). | 10. Contraction of "it is." |
| 26. River in Scotland (reversed). | 11. Hospital Ship (Initials). |
| 27. V. U. P. (Actual). | 12. A relation of degree. |
| 28. Male of the red deer in his third year. | 13. To resolve into its elements. |
| 30. Serious. | 14. A broad band or plate of metal worn on the forehead among the ancient Greeks. |
| 31. A Paly. | 15. Imploded. |
| 32. Epomea (Actual). | 16. A weight in Pavia, used for weighing pearls. |
| 34. Fixed star of the second magnitude. | 17. Calamity. |
| 35. Obsolete and barbarous corruption of "have" of "he" and sometimes of "I." | 18. Process of growing exuberantly. |
| 36. To beat with a birch or rod. | 19. A young fellow. |
| 39. Gallery or portico ornamented with paintings. | 20. A great trial or vexation. |
| 40. Suffered pain. | 21. A partner or accomplice. |
| 41. R. E. S. (Actual). | 22. To fall. |
| 42. Emanations or exhalations. | 23. Genus of large birds, allied to the ostrich. |
| 43. Enchantment. | 24. E. D. V. (Actual). |
| 45. Explots. | 25. A blockhead. |
| 46. P.T.A. (Actual). | 26. A species of grain on which horses are fed. |
| 47. To love in the highest degree (Jumbled). | 27. To value. |
| 48. M. I. E. (Actual). | 28. Red with heat. |
| 49. Native waiting-maid. | 29. To swell out. |
| 50. Spoken, not written. | 30. Yeans. |
| 51. Bone. | 31. An arc. |
| 52. Editor (abbreviated). | 32. Instrument for hewing timber. |
| 53. Hospitality. | 33. Before. |
| 54. N. B. (Actual). | 34. A sunk fence not visible without near approach. |
| 55. Formerly. | 35. A waterfall. |
| 56. A dignitary under the Anglo-Saxons and Danes in England. | |

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The trend of opinion in Italy towards a fusion of interests by the various steamship companies is illustrated by a discussion in the Rome Parliament, writes the Trieste correspondent of the "Journal of Commerce," and comments which have appeared in the Italian Press.

Hon. Broccardi, the representative of Genoa, referred to the development of Italian shipping through the world, and particularly in Australia and South Africa, and noted that 70 millions lire are paid by the Government to Italian shipbuilders as premium of construction.

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The Italian Mercantile Marine, he said, will reach in the course of the next few months 4,240,000 tons, liners representing 31 per cent. of the total. We must follow, he continued, the German policy in the development of the regular services, and see if it would not be possible to arrive at an understanding.

The Minister for the Communications, H. E. Ciano, replying, remarked that the greatest part of the subventions granted to the Italian steamship companies had been for operation of lines rendered necessary by the geographical position of Italy. Traffic on these lines were rather poor, and no shipowner could manage to operate them without a loss. The subvention granted to certain lines was only a temporary help given in such a way that shipowners were encouraged to increase the lines. France and the United States of America are doing much more in favour of their own mercantile marines.

He pointed out that the help granted to shipbuilders represented only the reimbursement of the higher cost of building materials and fuel to be imported from foreign countries, and claimed that much of the progress was the result of the new spirit of discipline and sacrifice developed among Italian seafarers.

The question of the increase of speed, continued the Minister for the Communications, is the problem of concentration of the various steamship companies. In Great Britain and Germany the process of amalgamation was going on from day to day, and it would become necessary for the leaders of their steamship concerns to consider it with the greatest care.

The "Corriere Mercantile" (Genoa), which is known to be connected with leading shipowners there, commenting on the

speech of Hon. Broccardi, referred particularly to his statements in regard to the incorporation of the leading steamship companies. Referring to the statement of the Minister of the Communications, the journal remarks that he has shown himself entirely in favour of an amalgamation, and has the approval of Premier Mussolini, who several times during the speech interjected his confidence in the Minister's action.

Headquarters in Genoa & Trieste. A Trieste message states that it is rumoured that the projected fusion of the Italian steamship companies will be made on the basis of the incorporation of all the trans-African lines with the Navigazione Generale Italia, with headquarters in Genoa, and the incorporation of the Mediterranean lines into a single concern in Trieste and Venice. It is added that the advertising of all the Italian lines will emanate from Genoa in order to avoid useless expenses and establish a single front against foreign competition.

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MACEDONIA	11,120	24th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NOVARA	6,989	29th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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PIRACY COMMISSION.

COMMENT ON "SUNNING"
REPORT.

The report of the Hong Kong commission of inquiry into the "Sunning" piracy does no more in effect than reveal what has been common knowledge on the China coast for the past twelve months, says the "Singapore Free Press." The piracy regulations have been a source of irritation amongst shipping men of so acid a character that far from encouraging compliance they have in many instances stimulated a desire to flout them. The question is by no means a simple one. In the olden days a shipmaster in these waters recognised piracy as one of the ordinary perils of the sea and with his officers and crew was prepared at all times to meet and combat the danger. There was no arguing about it, it was a customary risk of eastern waters. But it is impossible to make any real comparison between the position of the Master and officers of a ship then and now, and that for several reasons. Two of the principal of those reasons are, firstly that nowadays the attack does not come from outside the ship but from inside, and, secondly, the fact that in very few instances can the crew be expected, or relied upon, to take active part with the officers inasmuch as the crew and officers are nationally perfect strangers and there is no sense of community between them as used to be the case in the old days. To draw any comparison, therefore, between then and now is useless and indeed unjust to those concerned. Any Master and officer, and even perhaps crew, would be prepared nowadays to defend their ship under the old piracy conditions, namely an attack from outside, but when the attack comes from what amounts to a portion of the cargo which is embarked to bring the owners profit the matter is on a different footing.

In face of repeated piracies the regulations were passed. These regulations put upon the Master and his handful of officers a duty which under the circumstances is not a fair task to impose, whilst in many cases the owners failed, or refused to carry out those structural measures which would have made such duties more possible of execution. It is doubtful whether it is a fair risk for ordinary wages to ask officers to undertake active opposition to internal piratical attempts a part of their normal duties, and the irritation bred of being required to do as an ordinary thing something which was manifestly outside the terms of an ordinary contract, very naturally led to a disposition to accept the possibilities of piracy and to be prepared not to resist; a disposition which had its natural result in the neglect to use even those precautions provided. This accounts for the fact that this report and accounts of other piracies show that most of the piracy regulations were neglected. The officers did not constantly carry revolvers, there was no plan of defence worked out beforehand, the grilles were not kept constantly closed, the guards were not properly posted. It has to be realised that the regulations and the piratical acts do not affect merely ships with a large officer personnel and a generous company behind them, but in the main small coast traders with few officers, limited accommodation with consequent difficulty of effective isolation, and Chinese owners who are disinclined to spend any money on what does not show an actual return.

The Commission's report throws the whole question into the melting pot again, for it recommends a complete scrapping of the Government regulations and a deliberate throwing back of the responsibility upon the owners. The Commission does not anticipate that this will lead to any early solution of the difficulty. Nor do we, judging as outsiders. In fact we should imagine it will very greatly facilitate piracies, although we do not look to see it increase the risk of the officers since they will, if wise, refuse to shoulder risks which under their conditions of employment are unreasonable. There appears to be only one method of reducing such risks to a minimum and that is to change the whole policy and, instead of shutting the pirates out from the officer section, shut the pirates in the passenger section, in other words allow no passenger outside the enclosure especially provided for them. But, of course, there is a practically fatal objection to this policy, and that is that no shipmaster would care to take the risk of loss of life which might follow owing to passengers being imprisoned within a grille which, in the excitement of a marine, fire, or any other disaster, it might be found impossible to open. As far as we can see the report of the Commission leads nowhere, although it has amply demonstrated that the present provisions are a failure.

"TASMAN" REFLOATED.
Singapore, May 14.
The K.P.M. steamer "Tasman," which ran aground on a coral reef in the Torres Straits 130 miles from Thursday Island on May 2, is reported to have been refloated and to have proceeded to an Australian port. The "Tasman" is a well-known liner on the run between Singapore and Australia.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Trebartha" left Singapore for this port on May 19, a.m., and is due here on May 26, p.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (Capt. A. J. Halley, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe, and Yokohama, at noon on June 1.
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Straits & Calcutta	HOSANG	Thurs., 26th May, at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Sat., 28th May, at 3 p.m.
Shanghai via Swatow & S'hai	HOPSAK	Sun., 29th May, at 10 a.m.
Swatow, Ningpo & Shanghai	YUSANG	Sun., 29th May, at 10 a.m.
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Tientsin	CHEONGSHING	Wed., 1st June, at 10 a.m.
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THE FIRE ON THE "KALYAN."

Port Sudan, May 21.

The Kalyan is discharging her cargo from No. 3 hold. A small fire in the galleries has been discovered.—Reuter.

Earlier News.

London, May 21.

After leaving Suez on Tuesday, fire broke out in the hold of the outward bound China mail steamer "Kalyan" which arrived at Port Sudan this morning.

It is hoped to begin the discharge of the damaged cargo to-morrow and to complete the repairs by Monday.—Reuter.

HAUL OF COINS IN PENANG.

Penang, May 13.

On the arrival of the steamer "Hong Hua," from China ports via Singapore, to-day, Detective Inspector Fowler and a posse of detectives boarded the ship and conducted a search, in the course of which they found 34,835 Chinese one cent pieces in the possession of a Chinese passenger.

Charged in the Police Court to-day the Chinese pleaded guilty and he was fined \$500.

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June 15	Seattle	Geo. Washington	July 13	Oboro-Shimizu July 21
June 21	San Francisco	Homeric	July 23	Oboro-Shimizu July 29
June 29	Seattle	Leviathan	Aug. 1	Oboro-Shimizu Aug. 7
July 5	San Francisco	Leviathan	Aug. 6	Oboro-Shimizu Aug. 12
July 12	Seattle	Berengaria	Aug. 10	Oboro-Shimizu Aug. 16
July 19	San Francisco	Leviathan	Aug. 20	Oboro-Shimizu Aug. 26
July 27	Seattle	Antonia	Aug. 24	Oboro-Shimizu Aug. 30
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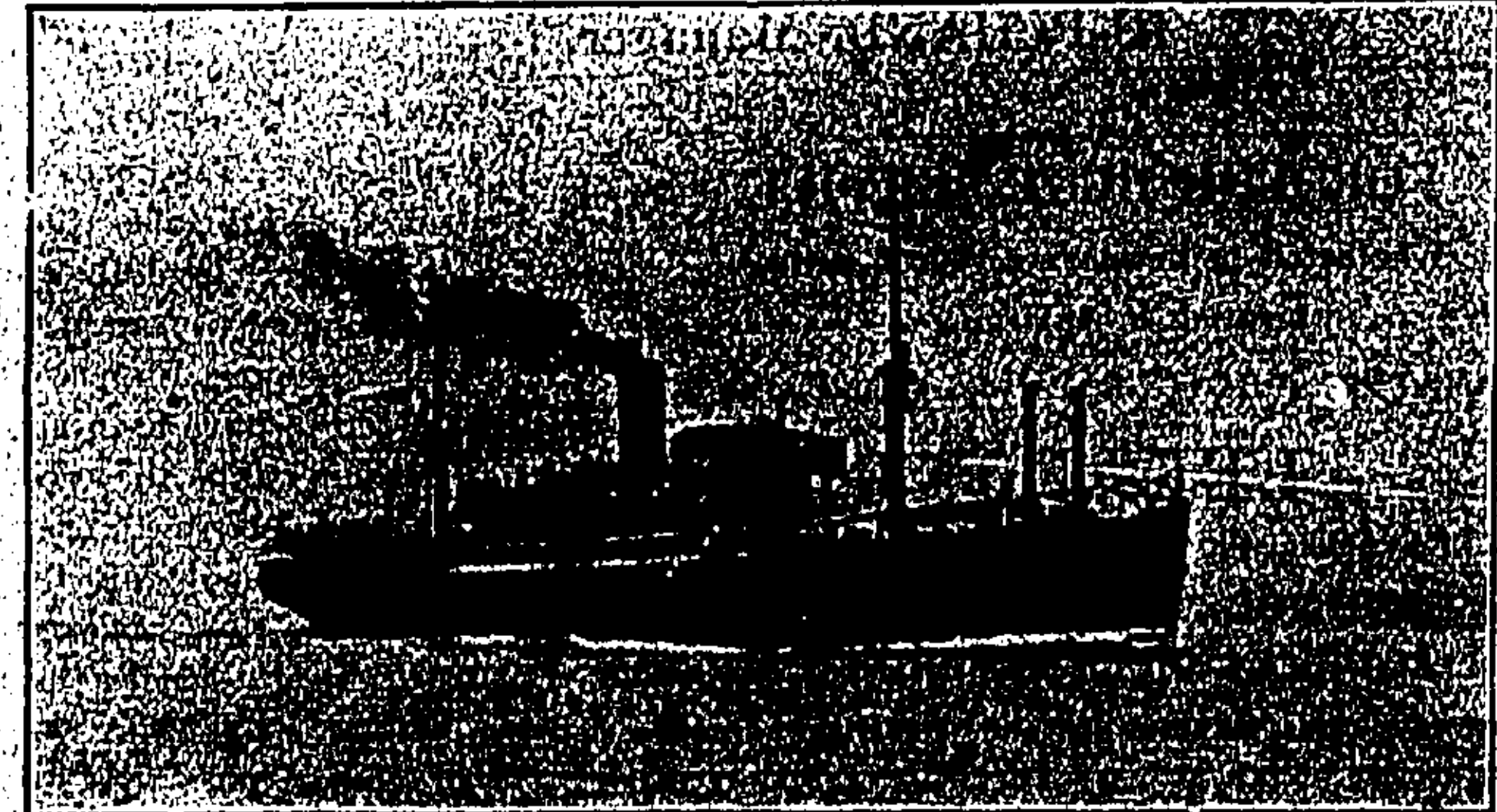
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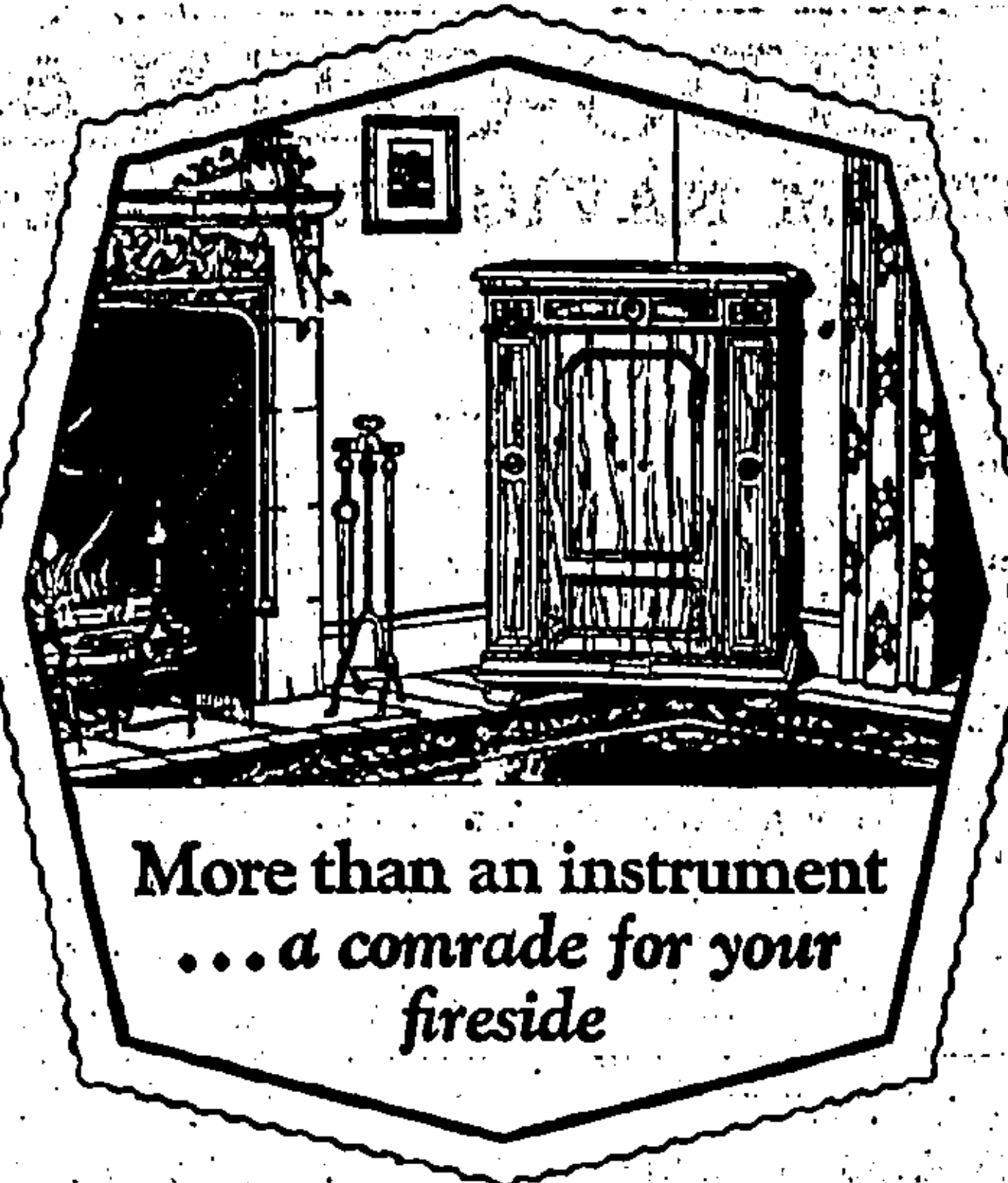
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"GROSS CYNICISM."

Mr. Eugene Chen has described
as "gross cynicism" the explana-
tion of the British Government as
to the peaceful mission of the
troops despatched to China. The
compliment—or lack of it—can be
returned. No greater example of
"gross cynicism" can be found in
all the verbose tomes turned out
by Eugene Chen than his asser-
tion that "British relations will
never improve as long as British
statesmanship fails to realise that
the Nationalist Government at
Wuhan are the sole repository of
State power in Nationalist China,
and, because they have the con-
fidence and the trust of the re-
voluntary masses, are alone com-
petent and able to reach an en-
during settlement with the
British Government and people."

The Nationalist Government at
Wuhan is a myth. It is non-
existent. The heads of the so-
called "Nationalist Government"
there are in daily—and even
momentarily—fear of their lives.
What is more, Eugene Chen is re-
ported to have been arrested and
Borodin and the rest of the
Communist crowd are fleeing in
all directions before the anti-Red
armies: get to too close quarters
with them. Under these circum-
stances what can we think of
Eugene Chen's boast of the "Na-
tionalist Government" at Wuhan
being the sole repository of State
power in Nationalist China?

How can that Government have
the confidence and trust of the
revolutionary masses? How can
that Government alone be com-
petent to reach an enduring

settlement with the British Gov-
ernment and people?

With the demolition of these
assertions by Eugene Chen must
go all his other claptrap in regard
to the object of the Shanghai
Defence Force sent out by the
British Government. He stands
discredited by the British Govern-
ment. He is in danger of being
torn and rent by the real Chinese
Nationalists who have had the
sense to fathom the real meaning
of the Communist influence in
their midst before it was too late
and China—or at least a very
large part of it—became nothing
more or less than a vassal State
of Soviet Russia.

Not more than any of the other
of the pro-Communist leaders in
China can Eugene Chen ignore
facts. When he diverts from
truth and wanders into fiction he
goes hopelessly off the rails and
his learned utterances and high-
sounding sentences are reduced to
mere moonshine.

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ASSISTANT MANAGER IN
TROUBLE.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this
morning, a Chinese described as
the assistant manager of a flour
dealer's shop at No. 10 Wilmer
Street, West Point, was charged
with the theft of \$4,000, the prop-
erty of the shop.

The money was stolen from the
safe on Friday night and accused
was suspected because he was
alleged to have had custody of
the safe key.

On the application of the police
who said the money and the safe
key had not yet been recovered,
the accused was remanded for
three days in police custody for
further investigations to be
made.

RECKLESS DRIVING FINE.

After leading two police motor
cyclists a long chase in the Western
District on Saturday, May 14, the
driver of a public motor car was
eventually brought to earth behind
the Slaughter House in Kennedy
Town.

He appeared before Major Wilson
on Saturday last charged on remand
with reckless driving and disobey-
ing police signals. He was fined \$25
and \$10 respectively.

Sergt. Basting saw the accused
turn into Belchers Street at 20 miles
per hour with the two wheels off the
ground, while Sergt. Clark saw him
zig-zagging dangerously at high
speed in Sand Street. Both officers
gave chase.

Mr. D. McCallum attempted to
prove that accused was not the
driver, but Major Wilson convicted.

MGR. J. E. WALSH.

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CHINA.

YESTERDAY'S CONSECRATION.

The consecration of Monsignor
James Edward Walsh of the
Maryknoll Mission as Vicar
Apostolic of Kongmoon, which
took place at Sancian (better
known as St. John's Island),
yesterday, was unique in several
respects. Besides having the dis-
tinction of being the youngest
Bishop in China, Mgr. Walsh is
also the first American Bishop
to be consecrated in this part of
the world, and the four attend-
ant Bishops each represented a
different nation, namely, France,
Italy, Portugal and Spain.

Sancian, that hallowed ground
sacred to Christians in China, was
chosen by Mgr. Walsh personally
as the scene of his consecration,
thus adding further to the his-
tory of the island where St.
Francis Xavier laboured and died
in the year 1552—the first mis-
sionary to bring the gospel of
Christianity to China.

Advantage was taken of Mgr.
Walsh's consecration to make a
pilgrimage to the island. Nearly
550 Catholics, representing at
least ten nationalities, made the
excursion on the s.s. "Kinshan."

Leaving the Wing Lok Street
wharf at 9.15 a.m. the first part
of the trip was enjoyable, the
cool breeze out at sea being a
very welcome contrast with the
heat which was felt even on Hong
Kong's waterfront. The rain
which came down about midnight
was rather discomforting, how-
ever, as staterooms were reserved
for ladies only and the men who
had just settled down to spend-
ing the night on deck had to
scurry below and shift the best
they could in the passage way and
the saloon.

At a little before 5 a.m. the
"Kinshan" arrived at Sancian
and found the Portuguese gun-
boat "Patria" already riding at
anchor in the little harbour. She
had brought the Bishops. Mass
was said on board, at which most
of the pilgrims received Holy
Communion. After breakfast,
the gathering was ferried to the
island by a fleet of native boats
from small fishing smacks to
medium sized junks, supplement-
ed by a motor boat from the
"Patria."

Here a visit was first made to
a little memorial chapel, erected
over the spot where St. Francis
was buried, but was afterwards
removed by the Portuguese to
Gon. Here rosaries and other re-
ligious articles were placed on
the tomb and blessed. The faith
of the Chinese was touching, the
majority collecting leaves and
small plants to be treasured as
souvenirs of their visit to the
sacred ground. Many of the
pilgrims also made the difficult
climb to the statue of St. Francis
erected half way up the hill about
a quarter of a mile above the
chapel.

Afterwards the gathering was
again rowed to the village across
the bay where the consecration
took place in the village church.
The arrival of Mgr. Walsh and
the other Bishops was the signal
for the firing of crackers by the
villagers, while the village elders
welcomed the Bishops on the
beach and escorted them to the
church.

The consecration ceremony was
very simple. Mgr. A. Fourquet,
Vicar Apostolic of Canton assisted
the consecrating Mass assisted by
Mgr. Costa Nunes, Bishop of
Macao, and Mgr. Prat, Vicar
Apostolic of Amoy. Mgr. H.
Valtorta, Vicar Apostolic of Hong
Kong, who was to have been one
of the consecrating Bishops, was
also present, but voluntarily stood
down in favour of Bishop Prat
who had found it possible at
practically the last moment to
make the trip. The little church
was packed by Maryknoll Fathers,
Brothers and Sisters, and priests
of the various other foreign
missions in South China many
of whom had come a long dis-
tance to attend the consecration.
The record for distance covered
was held by Rev. Father
Braganca, the parish priest of
the Portuguese community of
Singapore.

Mgr. Walsh occupied a position
on the side of the altar and wore
the cassock and sash of the Pre-
fect Apostolic. At various stages
of the Mass he was vested in the
vestments of a Bishop and finally
the mitre was placed on his head
and he was handed the Bishop's
staff, the emblem of pastoral
authority. Mgr. Walsh then gave
the faithful his first blessing as
Bishop. More crackers were
fired and the trip back to the
"Kinshan" was made.

Tiffin was served on board at
1.30 p.m. the five Bishops being
present together with the Cap-
tain and Officers of the "Patria."
The health of Mgr. Walsh was
proposed by Mgr. Valtorta and
"Kinshan."

LOCAL WEDDING.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
CEREMONY.

MR. CUNNINGHAM AND MISS LAW.

The wedding was solemnised at
St. John's Cathedral on Saturday
afternoon of Miss Alice Mary
Law, daughter of Mrs. G. Law,
and Mr. Albert Laing Cunningham,
son of Mrs. L. Cunningham.
The Rev. H. Copley Moyle offi-
ciated.

The bride, who was given away
by her brother, Dr. E. Law, wore
a charming gown of Chinese em-
brodered pink charmeuse and
carried a bouquet of pink Hono-
lulu creeper. She was attended
by Miss Annie Clarke and Miss
Katy Tai whose bridesmaids' dresses
were of pink watersilk and
pink crepe satin with bou-
quets of pink roses.

Mr. William A. Shea was best
man.

Following the wedding, a re-
ception was held at the Hotel
Savoy, the bride and bridegroom
later leaving for Canton on
honeymoon. The bride's going
away dress was of beaded shell
grey crepe de chine.

EMPIRE DAY.

VICTORIA BRITISH SCHOOL
PAGEANT.

A pretty Empire Day Pageant
took place at the Victoria British
School this morning, attended by
parents and friends.

The children who took part
were as follows:

Britannia, Viola Raven; Herald,
John McLeod; Pages, Alan
Langston and George Knight;
England, Billy Gegg; Allison
McKay, Peter Paul and Dorothy
Moss; Scotland, Mavis Glendin-
ning and Robbie Glen; Ireland,
Stella Stevenson, Henry Bunje,
Billy Pryde and Betty Long-
bottom; Wales, Winnie Raven
and Ernest Fowler; Africa,
Florrie Fowler and Harry Middle-
ton; Canada, David Parsons and
Frank Hughes; India, Joan Old,
Mary Parsons, Nancy Duckworth
and Peggy Eccleshall; Australia,
Walter Pryde, Derek Hollidge,
Vera Handyside and Jean Ewing;
New Zealand, Alice Dedear;
Labrador, Jack Bone, John Thorn-
hill, Willie Robertson and Guy
Wallington; Hong Kong, Ian
Handyside, Vivienne Hollidge,
Hylton Edmondson and Terry
Lockhart.

NIECE LEFT IN JAIL.

Left by her selfish uncle to spend
seven days in jail while he paid his
own fine and departed, a young
Chinese girl who was fined \$5 for
obstruction was on Saturday dis-
charged by Major Willson, who
taking into consideration the fact
that the girl had already spent four
days in a police cell awaiting the
hearing of her case, remitted her
fine.

Uncle and niece were arrested by
Sergt. Carey on Wednesday for ob-
struction by having medicine out-
side the Kaifong Theatre, where
a crowd had collected to hear the
uncle discourse on the merits of his
medicaments, and were remanded
on Thursday for four days to have
a translation made of some leaflets
they were handing out to the
crowd.

enthusiastically pledged by the
gathering.

After tiffin Monsignors Walsh,
Nunes and Fourquet returned
ashore to attend, a feast arranged
by the villagers and will make
the trip back to Hong Kong by
the "Patria" to-day. Mgr. Walsh
was given a rousing send off as
the "Patria's" motor boat pushed
off. The Maryknollers sang
"Maryknoll, my Maryknoll,"
their Society's anthem and gave
three cheers as the boat sped
towards shore.

The "Kinshan" started on the
return trip at 3 p.m. in beauti-
ful weather which had held good
throughout the time spent at
Sancian, excepting for a little
drizzle which stopped almost as
quickly as it started, and was
welcomed because of the coolness
it brought.

The Benediction of the Bless-
ed Sacrament was given on
board during the voyage, and
after dinner all sat out on deck
to enjoy the cool breeze at sea.
Green Island was sighted at
11.30 p.m. and a quarter of an
hour later the "Kinshan" was
made fast alongside the wharf.
It was a tired, but happy
crowd which came ashore, and
wended their various ways to
their homes. Those who lived
in Kowloon and the higher levels
of Hong Kong were caught in
the rain storm which came on
soon after midnight.

Monsignors Prat and Valtorta
were returned to Hong Kong on the
"Kinshan."

WILBUR PLAYERS.

A FURTHER STAY THEATRE
SUCCESS.

"ABIE'S IRISH ROSE" TO-NIGHT.

"The Family Upstairs" repre-
sents another Wilbur Players
success. The story of the play is
written around an average Ameri-
can middle class family, and kept
the audience at the Star Theatre
last night in continuous roars of
laughter. The daughter is in love
and the fond mother is anxious to
get her married off—so anxious
that she almost scares the young
man away. There is an idle, good-
for nothing "cake eating" son,
who spends much of his time
"jazzing around" rather than
looking for a job. Poor papa,
played by Anthony Baker, has his
hands full with his family. The
psychology of the American fami-
ly is well portrayed. Families
seem to be the same the world
over, with their petty jealousies,
the nagging, and squabbles that
go on behind the scenes, carefully
hidden by "party manners" be-
fore strangers. Every one of the
players fitted in to their special
parts in an excellent manner. The
play is a cure for the "blues" and
the actors had no difficulty in
keeping their audience amused.
One of the reasons for its popu-
larity is, as the Americans say,
"it hits you where you live" and
in the characters we can see our
own selves, and our own little
family differences.

The Wilbur Players are staging
that most successful play of
Jewish life, Abie's "Irish Rose,"
this evening, and to-morrow at
9.15 p.m.

NICARAGUAN REVOLT.

Managua, May 22.

The Liberal leader, Dr. Sacasas,
accompanied by the entire
Cabinet, left Puerto Cabeza to-
day aboard a steamer, bound
it is believed, for Guatemala City.

Although the immediate cause
for the departure is unknown, it
follows closely on the Peace Pro-
clamation, issued by the Liberal
peace delegates, concerning Presi-
dent Coolidge's order, authorising
the American forces to accept the
arms of those willing to lay
them down, including the arms
of the Government forces, and
to disarm forcibly those refusing
to lay down their arms. Dr.
Sacasas refused to accept the con-
ditions.

It is understood that Dr.
Sacasas intends to resume medi-
cal practice until next year,
when he will possibly return to
participate in the Presidential
campaign.—Reuter's American
Service.

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

Geneva, May 22.

The Committee of the Inter-
national Economic Conference,
after a long discussion, has
adopted the formula concerning
industrial agreements which
merely expresses the opinion that
the participation of all States
irrespective of their economic
system must be regarded as a
happy augury for the future co-
operation of all nations.

The Russian delegates had pre-
viously threatened to leave
Geneva if their formula to the
effect that the Conference should
recommend collaboration with the
Soviet Government on the basis
of the latter's system of foreign
trade, was not accepted.

The Plenary Conference sub-
sequently adopted the reports of
the respective committees on
Commerce, Industry and Agricul-
ture unanimously, the Russians
alone consistently opposing, amid
some laughter.—Reuter.

MAULED BY A TIGER.

Calcutta, May 3.—The Statesman
publishes the story of a struggle be-
tween two Imperial police officers,
Messrs. E. N. Jacobson and W. S.
Collins, and a wounded tiger, re-
ceived from Dargoon, Central
Provinces.

Mr. Collins, though severely
wounded, performed the brave act
of creeping up on his stomach
and preventing the tiger from fur-
ther mauling Mr. Jacobson, shoot-
ing at the beast with a revolver
from a range of two yards.

After a desperate struggle the
tiger was killed, but not before the
officers were injured.

Mr. Jacobson's wounds are not
dangerous, but Mr. Collins is in a
serious condition.

Both were taken to Nagpur by
special train, and detained in hos-
pital.

The tiger measured 10 feet,
8 inches.

STORM AT PENANG.

Owing to exceptionally strong
wind here yesterday afternoon, a
coconut tree in Leandro Lane, off
Burmah Road, collapsed on to elec-
tric overhead wires, bringing down
four telegraph posts. A Chinese
who was passing at the time and at-
tempted to cross the fallen wires
had a narrow escape from being
electrocuted.

CHEQUE CHARGE.

INDIAN ASKS RAMBLING QUESTIONS.

WITNESSES REQUESTED.

"I admit I forged the cheque under very pressing circumstances," said J. M. Kelley, the Indian, who was charged at the Criminal Sessions this morning with forgery of two Mercantile Bank of India forms, the property of Mr. E. R. Dovey, and with forgery of Mr. Dovey's signature with intent to defraud Mr. Dovey of the sum of \$900.

Owing to his earlier statement that one of the charges was "only partly true," the plea had been taken as one of "not guilty."

Evidence against the prisoner was completed this morning by the Crown (Mr. H. S. Fitzroy prosecuting) after prisoner had put a long series of questions to Mr. Dovey regarding details of office administration which appeared to have no bearing whatever on the charge.

The prisoner having expressed a wish to call other evidence, His Lordship (Mr. Justice Wood) adjourned the case until this afternoon, indicating that he would not, however, call a witness at the jail whom the prisoner had indicated a desire to get in touch with to speak on his behalf.

"ACCIDENTAL."

STABBING DURING PETTY SQUABBLE.

A Chinese who was arrested in Water Street, West Point, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with stabbing another man who is now in hospital.

Accused pleaded "guilty," and when asked why he committed the crime, said he owed the other man a couple of coppers and had already paid the debt. The man denied having received the money. There was a scuffle and accused "scratched" his opponent in the chest with a knife.

When the Magistrate remarked that he might have killed the other man, accused said he did it accidentally.

Mr. Lindsell: Nonsense, you can't push a knife into a man's chest by accident.

A remand was given until Thursday morning to await the wounded man's discharge from hospital.

A FLAW IN THEIR EXCUSE.

Two Chinese one of whom wore the uniform of a messenger of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, were charged before Major Wilson this morning with the unlawful possession of two yards of silk worth \$9.

The first man was arrested trying to pawn the silk on Saturday morning. He gave information which led to the telegraph messenger's arrest. This man said he picked the silk up in Des Vaux Road Central on Friday afternoon.

Detective Sergt. Fitch, who had charge of the case commented on the fact that both the silk and the wrapping were not stained, although it was raining on Friday afternoon and one would have expected to have found the silk soiled if it had in fact been picked up in the street.

The accused were convicted and fined \$10 each. The fines were paid.

BLUE CARNATION.

FORTUNE AWAITING A LUCKY GROWER.

"We have placed many new coloured carnations on the market this year, but our dream of growing a blue one is as remote as ever. Blue is the colour which has always baffled carnation growers, and the man who could produce one could make a fortune."

This statement was made recently to a "Daily Express" representative by a member of the world's largest firm of growers, who have more than 1,000,000 carnations in their hothouses at Saffron Walden. This firm displayed at the Carnation Show at the Horticultural Hall as many as 4,000 actual blooms, while there were innumerable new colours and shades to be seen.

Visitors stopped to admire a new bright mauve variety, rather smaller than the average carnation; here was a magnificent orange flower, speckled with crimson; there a red and mauve specimen touched with silver grey. Others were almost plain-patterned, with maroon and copper stripes.

The "overlaid" carnation with a subtle blending of colours seems to have been cultivated extensively by growers during the past year, although florists, for decoration purposes, favour the single-coloured ones. Every effort has been made to intensify the perfume, as the quality of the flower is judged not by its colour, but by its scent.

Increased production can only be secured by improved methods of scientific application. Lord Balfour.

FLOPPY AND FLAPPY.

THE WOMEN OF DICKENS' TIME.

COMPARISONS WITH TO-DAY

As a potent tonic for emotional impulses and as a yardstick with which to measure the true worth of non-swooning feminine youth of to-day, read Dickens. So says Horace J. Bridges, leader of the Chicago Ethical Society which, with the public schools and members of the Dickens Fellowship Club, commemorated the one hundred and fifteenth anniversary of the birth of the great English novelist in Chicago recently.

Bridges declared that for true evaluation of the much talked of, emancipated, educated women of to-day, and her little sister the flapper, one should compare them with the fainting, floppy woman of Dickens' time and works.

"Many modern critics unfairly sneer at the Victorian women of Dickens because they are not like our women," Mr. Bridges said. "True, we could not stand his Dolly Vardens, Dora Spenlows and Esther Summersons. But these women were real sixty years ago. The fainting, sentimental Victorian women were real when Dickens put them into his novels. And those who are inclined to depreciate the women of to-day would be well to read their Dickens again."

Tonic for Pessimists.

Dickens is a wonderful tonic for the pessimism of to-day, manifested in such things as the recent wave of college suicides, the general tone of cynicism in the activities and writing of to-day. Dickens proceeds on the arbitrary assumption that life is a priceless gift; that every man is a unique spiritual being; that evil is abnormal and exceptional, and that men are responsible for it in that they have either caused it or can cure it.

"Whereas our realists proceed on the arbitrary assumption that life is worthless; that man is a mere machine, a blindly fated synthesis of mechanical and chemical forces, that happiness is a delusion, a lying deceit of Nature to lure us into remaining alive and perpetuating life."

"But Dickens's assumptions are those of all normal men everywhere. They are practically shared because they are acted on by the very pessimists who sneer at them. They write books to prove that he was wrong and then join clubs, drink wine, marry wives and love their children to prove that he was right. Dickens owes his immortality to his unrivalled comic characterisations and his power of observation, prompted by sympathy, which has never been surpassed, to ever equalled. Out of a shabby creature you wouldn't look at on the street he creates a Newman Noggs, a Micawber, or a Sam Weller. His characters have become symbols of life and institutions."

PRISON FOR STAGE STAR.

New York, April 19.—Miss Mae West, co-author and star of the play "Sex," together with the producer, Mr. Morgenstern, and the financial backer, Mr. Timony, were sentenced to ten days' imprisonment. They have been released pending an appeal.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Yokohama on May 20, and is due at Vancouver on May 29.

Co-partnership and profit-sharing by work-people in every steady kind of business are undoubtedly desirable from every point of view.—Mr. A. M. Samuel.

The curse of the Pharaohs has been referred to at the conference of the Royal Microscopical Society. The latest theory of the credulous seems to be that those who disturb the tombs of the Pharaohs die from mysterious diseases due to bacteria, remarks a Home paper. No traces of any bacteria, however, have been revealed by a microscopic investigation of the wrappings which encased the body of Tutankhamen. An enormous number of people, while perhaps not supporting the bacteria theory, are convinced that the tragic death of Lord Carnarvon was due to the bite of a mysterious bat, which was presumably the Ka of the dead man, who was infuriated at the desecration of his last resting-place. The idea must be pretty widespread, since it has been adopted commercially, and the old fly made out of elastic and a hairpin which delighted children fifteen to twenty years ago has reappeared in the shape of a large, and awe-inspiring, bat. This is set and enclosed in an envelope, and the recipient on tearing open the letter is startled by a dreadful, bat-like creature that flaps out between his fingers. This is advertised as "Tutankhamen's vampire bat!" The story of the curse of Tutankhamen is as hardy, apparently, as that of the painted mummy which sank the "Titanic."

UNCANNY PROPHECIES.

MINE ACCIDENT FORETOLD IN A DREAM.

LITERARY INSPIRATION.

A generation ago, the one who came down to breakfast with the story of a dream was snubbed by the rest of the family. Dreams bored most people.

Now all is changed (says a writer in the "Weekly Mail"). Owing to the new psychology, we are all interested in dreams. Dreams are as varied and astonishing as life.

Some dreams have been very well worth while. It is reported that Mr. William Archer's play, "The Green Goddess," was inspired by a dream. Tartini's wonderful musical composition, "The Devil's Sonata," was the outcome of a dream in which Tartini saw the Devil sitting at a piano, playing an original sonata. When Tartini awoke he remembered the dream and the music and set it down before it should be forgotten.

The theme of "The Ancient Mariner" came to Coleridge in a dream, and the story was a dream fragment; whilst his "Kubla Khan" was actually composed during sleep.

"Pilgrim's Progress" came to John Bunyan first in the form of a dream.

Addison frequently dreamt he saw and heard his characters. His Citizen, Grand Vizier, Sir Timothy, and the rest conversed with him in the night watches. His famous short story, "The Vision of Mirza," was also based on a dream Addison had.

Macaulay's Terrible Dream. Macaulay once wrote a friend, Mr. T. F. Ellis, about his niece. "I have had a dream so vivid that I must tell it to you. She came to me with a penitential face and told me that she had a great sin to confess—that Pepy's 'Diary' was all a forgery and that she had forged it. I was in greatest dismay. 'What! I have been quoting, in reviews and in my 'History,' as a book of the highest authority, a forgery? How shall I ever hold up my head again?' I awoke with the fright, poor Alice's supplicating voice still in my ears."

Cabanis tells that Franklin informed him that he had often been assisted in dreams in the conduct of the many affairs in which he was engaged.

La Fontaine and Voltaire both composed verses in their sleep, and Sir Thomas Browne declared that his faculties of mind were far more efficient in sleep than when he was awake.

Prophetic dreams are always interesting, and Dr. Abercromby, in his "Intellectual Powers" narrates the following striking story:—

A lady in a dream saw an aged female relative being murdered by her servant, who was a negro. The dream so impressed her that she persuaded a gentleman to stay in the house, or rather to keep watch near the old lady's door. In the grey dawn of the summer morning the watcher heard a slight noise, and on going into the passage, he met the black servant carrying a scuttled of coals upstairs, and concealed in the coals, on examination, a murderous-looking knife was found. So by the dream a foul deed was in all probability averted.

Duke's Prophetic Dream Of Own Funeral.

The Duc de Berri dreamed one night that he was standing at the window of his apartments in the Tuilleries, which overlooked the gardens, when his attention was called to the dense crowds assembled and a procession that appeared to be passing. On inquiry he was told that it was the funeral of M. Greffulhe. Then there followed another procession, more magnificent than the former one, and on inquiring what this meant, he was informed that this was his own funeral. Royalty were there, and every honour was being paid to his passing.

A few nights later the Duc de Berri went to a grand ball given by M. Greffulhe, who was not in a very good state of health. It was held at his hotel in the Rue d'Artois. It was a cold night, and M. Greffulhe attended his Royal Highness to the carriage bareheaded and caught a chill and fever which ended his life. The assassin, Louvel, before a week had elapsed, had completed the other part of the dream.

A Very Strange Story.

Archbishop Whately tells a very strange story of a dream. In the early days he was a fellow of Oriel and when there he told this story. A cobbler, in Somersetshire dreamt that someone told him that if he would go to London Bridge he would meet with something to his advantage. He dreamt this on three succeeding nights, and then resolved to go to London.

The first day, he walked about all day without anything happening. The next day nothing happened. The third day just when he was preparing to depart a stranger came to him and said, "I have seen you walking about here for three days, may I ask if you are looking for someone?"

The answer was, "No." "Then why do you stay here?" Then the cobbler told his questioner his story. The stranger advised him to go home and go on with his work, and pay no further attention to his dream. "I myself," said the man, "had a dream about six months ago. I dreamt three nights together that I would go into Somersetshire, to an orchard, and under an apple tree there I should find a pot of gold. But I paid no attention to the dream and remained quietly at my business."

That, thought the cobbler, sounds very much as if it meant my own orchard, and my own apple tree, so he thanked the man for his advice, and immediately started off to his home. He dug under the apple tree and unearthed the pot of gold, and with an increase in his fortune, he determined to give his boy a good education.

His boy went to a good school and soon came home able to read the Latin inscription on the pot which had contained the gold. What the inscription said was, "Look under, and you will find better." Father and son went again to the orchard and dug more deeply under the apple tree, and there found some more gold hidden away.

A Remarkable Colliery Incident. A few years ago a shunter at one of the Traversall Collieries named Thomas Adams dreamt that he saw his work-mate, Samuel Osbond, crushed to death at his work. He told his work-mates of his dream, but they were only amused at its absurdity, and said he had eaten too good a supper the night before.

For a month all went well. Then one day the group in which Osbond was working quarrelled about some by-contract work. One of the men told Osbond that he would see him fast before the day was out. This seemed to suggest that Osbond would get behind and want some assistance. Osbond replied that he would get through with his work or die in the attempt.

A few hours later, by a pure accident, when no engine was helping him, Osbond got his head fast between an iron column and a truck and in this way was instantly killed. Not only did the shunter's dream prove prophetic, but his own words and those of his workmate with whom he quarrelled were strangely fulfilled also.

Brought to Justice by a Dream. Sir George Caulfield once had to try and sentence to death a namesake who was brought to justice through a dream. The dreamer was a man named Adam Rogers, who kept a public-house in the village of Portlaw, near Waterford.

At the trial Rogers testified to having seen the prisoner, Caulfield, and Hickey, the murdered man, set out together from his public-house towards a lonely path that led across the mountain. His evidence was so circumstantial that the prisoner cross-questioned him as to how it was he was so sure of details of dress and manner, etc., since the men he described had only called at the public-house and stayed a short time.

Rogers hesitated at first, but, encouraged by the judge, he told the story of a remarkable dream he had had the night previous to the murder. In the dream he saw these men—Caulfield, the big, powerful, evil-looking man, and Hickey, the small, quiet man—walking along the lonely mountain path, when suddenly the big man sprang upon the lesser one and murdered him.

The dream was so vivid that he told it to his wife over breakfast, and soon afterwards he saw the parish priest, Father Browne, and not only related the incident to him, but described the point on the mountain road, which they both knew, where the tragic incident had occurred in the dream. Later in the day the men of the dream called at the public-house and Rogers took Hickey aside and tried to persuade him not to go forward with Caulfield, but to no purpose, and Hickey was found murdered at the place of Rogers's dream.

INTERNATIONAL LAW.

Rio de Janeiro, May 22.

At its final plenary meetings the American International Law Congress, ratified measures relating to the peaceful settlement of international disputes, and neutrality in case of war. Reuter's American Service.

WONDERS OF CLOUDS

CAMERA "AIRSCAPES" SIX MILES HIGH.

FLYING MEN'S JARGON.

Blue-books seldom lend themselves to the art of the illustrator. Air Publication 1,234 (His Majesty's Stationery Office)—despite its name—contains photographs that would do credit to the exhibition of the Royal Photographic Society.

The publication, although designed primarily for the use of officers of the Royal Air Force, will appeal to all who are interested in meteorology.

Clouds, according to the "Manual of Air Pilotage," reach to immense heights. "Mares'-tails," those tufted storm signals of the sky, are found at 30,000 feet, higher than the tallest mountains of the Himalayas. Thunderstorms generally take the shape of detached cumulus clouds, about a mile above the earth usually in the form of an anvil. The "Manual" contains beautiful cloud photographs taken from aeroplanes.

Modern air navigation instruments are so intricate that the pilot must be a mathematician of more than ordinary ability to make use of them. Knowledge of magnetism, wireless telegraphy, physics, aerodynamics, stresses, strains and pressure are all required of the young flying officer.

Some modern Johnson will one day evolve a dictionary of flying jargon. Even the Air Ministry has been forced to recognise such abstruse terms as "azimuth," "graticule," "hachuring," "orienting a map," and a "rumb line." Such words as "stunt" and "crash" have already been adopted in the language of the civilian. Fifty years hence he will, no doubt, be familiar with other additions to the language.

"Uncle John," said little Joan, "do you know that a baby that was fed on elephant's milk gained 20lb. in one week?"

"Nonsense! impossible!" exclaimed Uncle John; and then asked, "whose baby was it?"

"It was the elephant's baby," replied little Joan.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

May 23—Queen's Theatre; "Open All Night."

May 23—Star Theatre; Wilbur Players present "Able's Irish Rose." 9.15 p.m.

May 23—World Theatre; "Compromise."

May 23—Star Theatre; Matinees, "The Fighting Cub."

May 23—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant Parloen, 4.30 p.m.

May 23—Dinner Dances and Exhibition Dancing at Cafe Restaurant Parloen.

May 23—Junko's European Circus, Hungnam, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

May 26—Matinee performance by the "Squakettes," Helena May Institute, 5.50 p.m.

June 10—"Squakettes" performance at the Peak Club in aid of Lady Clement's Entertainment Fund and M.C.L., 9.30 p.m.

Sports.

May 24—Kowloon Cricket Club hold function in aid of Hospital Comfort Fund, 9.15 p.m.

May 25—Race for Brown Rowing Cup, starting from Channel Rocks, 5.15 p.m.

May 28-29—Second extra race meeting at Macao, 2.15 p.m.

June 1—First game of the Hong Kong Baseball Assn., Happy Valley.

June 4, 6—Fourth extra race meeting of H. K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley Race Course.

Auctions.

May 25—The whole of Messrs. Sheriff Bros.' Shop fittings, and sundries will be auctioned by Messrs. Lammert Bros. at 69, Queen's Road, Central, 2.30 p.m.

May 27—At Messrs. Lampert Bros' Sales Room, household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

May 23—Postponed meeting of members of the China Coast Officers' and Marine Engineers' Guild of China (H.K. branches), 67, Des Vaux Road, Central, 6 p.m.

May 27—First General Meeting of Creditors of Wong Wai-shing (deceased) formerly trading as Sang Loong & Co., City Hall, 2.30 p.m.

June 7—Forty-ninth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's Office, noon.

May 31—Fourth yearly meeting of Prince's Bldg. & Land Co., Ltd., Prince's Bldg., 4 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

May 25—Dinner at Nam Tong Restaurants in honour of Sir J. H. Kemp.

May 24—Special Services in two Cathedrals (as in previous years), 9 a.m.

May 27—Kowloon Chess Club return match: Kowloon v. H.M.S. "Hornet," 8 p.m.

June 8—King's Birthday parade, Happy Valley, 9 a.m.

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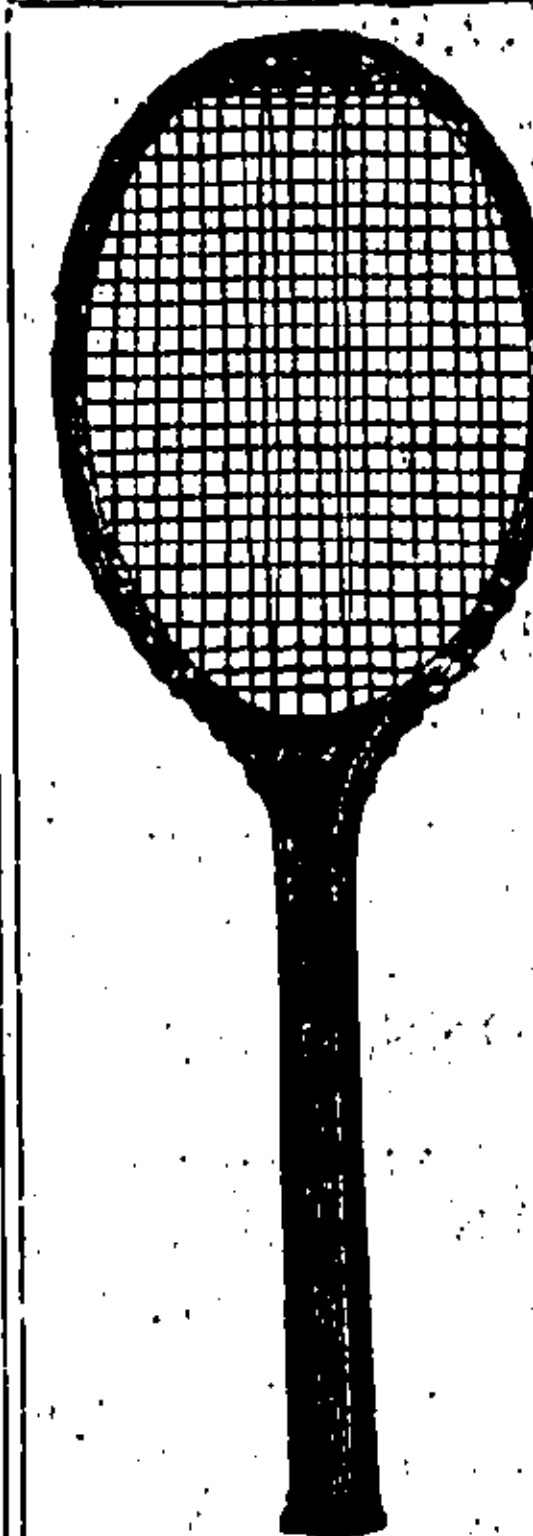
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

A man in a violet suit—one of the brightest creations in men's wear seen for years—was a centre of attraction in London recently.

For the convenience of Upper and Mid Level residents wishing to see the Wilbur Players, a late Peak Tram will be run each evening on the conclusion of the performance, allowing time for the ferry crossing.

Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd., are general managers for the United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd., who are agents for Bell's Asbestos Fire Blanket. This was not made quite clear in an advertisement in the "Sunday Herald" yesterday.

In aid of Lady Clementi's Entertainment Fund and the Ministering Children's League, a performance will be given by the "Squeakettes" at the Peak Club on June 10 at 9.30 p.m. Tickets at \$2 each may be obtained at the Peak Club or from the members of the "Squeakettes" Concert Party.

The meeting of the China Coast Officers Guild and Marine Engineers Guild of China, convened for Sunday had to be abandoned owing to the inclemency of the weather. A postponed meeting will be held to-night at 6 p.m. at which every member in port who is not on duty is expected to be present.

The South China Athletic Association Bathing Club, who have a matshed at North Point Beach, has thrown open the facilities to members and their wives and sisters. There has been a large attendance on the beach during the last two days. Mr. K. F. June, of the Kowloon Wharf and Dock Company, is chairman of Bathing Committee. On Dragon Boat Festival, June 4, the Committee hope to organise a launch excursion.

Members of the St. Peter's Young Men's Club are reminded that commencing on Saturday next, weekly lunch picnics will be held under the auspices of the Club. The s.s. "Man Tat" will leave Queen's Pier punctually every Saturday at 3.30 p.m. The charge (which includes music and light refreshments) is 60 cents each for members and ladies and 80 cents for non-members. Books of ten tickets (good for 10 picnics) can be purchased from the Secretaries at \$5.40 per book.

The bathing picnic which was to inaugurate the summer programme of the European Y.M.C.A. to-morrow afternoon has been postponed.

A great air pageant claimed to be the first amphibious air display ever given in Britain, is to be held at the Hamble land and marine air station, on Southampton Water in May. Landplanes, seaplanes and flying boats will take part.



Vilma Banky, the famous Hungarian, whose rise in the movies is one of the sensations of screen history. Her engagement to Rod La Rocque, another star, has just been announced.

The newest crystal flowers are almost as lovely as real flowers, particularly when the electric light, or, better still, the sunlight plays upon them (says the "Daily Chronicle.") Being colourless, they do not seek to deceive us; yet their naturalness of form is so perfect that they bring the original flower in all its freshness before us. Crystal violets in a crystal bowl make a choice possession and a perfect table centre for those occasions when your hopefully purchased spring flowers fail you and wither. More extravagant, and quite as desirable, is a crystal branch of flowering lilac, or you may choose tall Scottish thistles, or graceful barley. Some of the violets, you will notice, droop their heads lower than others on their crystal stems, and a long narrow leaf of barley will bend and fall backwards just as the real leaves do.

A three-day air tour through Europe, leaving London every week-day throughout the summer, will be a regular feature of the Imperial Airways summer service. The itinerary will include Paris, Basle, Zurich, Innsbruck, Stuttgart, Mannheim, Cologne, and Brussels.

The golden eagle which Captain Knight has retained in captivity at his aviary in Kent in connection with his natural history film, left on April 7 in custody of his assistant, Mr. C. I. Blackburne, by the Scottish express for liberation on the Duke of Sutherland's estate.

Have you noticed how very little novelty succeeding Chancellor of the Exchequer display in their choice of things to tax? asks a writer in the Liverpool "Journal of Commerce." I was not at all surprised at tobacco coming in for attention again; what a very present help is the succulent weed in time of financial trouble. Then the old tax on income is another feature of almost all budgets. I suppose we would get a real shock if there arose a Chancellor who did not bother with those sources but confined his attention to something entirely different, if he could find it. The present tax on matches, too, is aimed primarily at the smokers, and I suppose we can look for a great increase in the number of petrol lighters in use. It would be quite a treat to find a Budget built on entirely new lines; yet on second thoughts, perhaps it is better to "live w' th' devil ye ken than th' devil ye dinna ken."

Of all University sports rowing is the most expensive, and the chief expenditure of the University boat clubs is, of course, that in connection with the Boat-race, and amounts in each case to something like £1,200, remarks a London correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian." Each crew has a new boat and oars for each contest. The boat, which is a marvel of skilful and delicate construction, costs approximately £130. The oars work out about £25 the set. Then there is the cost of transport of the old boat from home waters to Henley, Marlow, or Richmond, and then to Putney, the travelling expenses of the oarsmen, the fees of masseurs and boatmen, lock dues, hire of launches and hacks for the coaches, and a hundred little items which go to swell the bill. The principal expense is, however, the cost of maintenance of the crews during the long period of training. The only expense which falls on the rowing "Blue" himself is the cost of his outfit. The total cost must be the smallest for any first-rate sporting event in the world.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mrs. Rodney Gilbert, wife of the Peking correspondent of the "North China Daily News," arrived in Shanghai from North China during the week-end.

Among passengers leaving the Colony for Europe on the s.s. "Kashima Maru" on Saturday were Mr. L. Forster, Mr. J. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitely, Mr. Elliott, Mr. D. O. de Silva, Mr. J. Marshall, Mr. H. A. Adamsen and Mr. F. S. Browning.

Gilbert Roland, 22 years old Spaniard, black haired and brown eyed, was a discouraged motion picture extra when Norma Talmadge picked him out for the role of Armand in "Camille." Struggling along with uncertain employment, Roland was almost ready to go back to Spain and his former occupation of bull fighting, when he received his first big part. He learned bull fighting by "matadoring" goats.

Mayfair modistes are trying to live down the smoking suit and other extremely mannish modes they tried to foist upon women last year. They are now running to the other extreme, using a lot of ribbons, laces, embroideries and trinkets in an effort to make the spring creations more feminine. Semi-sport suits for afternoon wear are disappearing and the fashionable dressmakers are offering the daintiest of chiffon creations in their stead. Many three-piece suits of the most fragile chiffon are displayed as cocktail-hour gowns.

The Seville correspondent of the "Weekly Dispatch" reports that an attendant of the Alcazar Palace, where the Prince of Wales and Prince George, the King of Sweden, and other European royals were visiting, the King of Spain, showed King Gustav of Sweden—who is 68 years of age—a hidden knob controlling one of the concealed fountains, for which the gardens are famed. His Majesty waited until the Royal party was innocently in the line of fire, and then a number of powerful jets were released. All took it as a joke, including Prince Carlos, who was drenched.

Miss Isabel Jeans, the English actress, says fascinating women need not be beautiful. Given a beautiful speaking voice, beautiful hands and pretty eye-lashes, a woman would be irresistible to most other women and all men. She thinks Jane Cowl, the American actress, has the most beautiful hands of any artiste of the present day.

New York, May 21.—Following the reports that he might stand for the Presidency ex-Secretary of State Hughes



Mr. Charles E. Hughes.

declared that he was too old to stand, adding: "I would not seek and would not accept nomination. I am for Mr. Coolidge and I believe that he will be re-nominated and re-elected.—Reuter's American Service.

The holder of a V.C., writing in the "Evening News," points out that it is incorrect to say that the Melbourne guard of honour for the Duke and Duchess of York, consisting of 29 holders of the Victoria Cross, was the largest of the kind ever assembled. He says that 300 wearers of the coveted decoration attended the King's garden party in 1920, while a guard of honour of 60 V.C.'s was present at the burial of the Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey.

Sir David Galloway has left Singapore by the "La Plata Maru." After touching at Mombasa he goes on to Durban where he disembarks for a tour in South Africa, including a visit to the Victoria Falls and the principal cities. From Cape Town he travels home. He expects to return to the Straits about the end of October.

To-day the Archbishop of Canterbury enters upon his eightieth year, wrote the London correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" on April 8, and he and Mrs. Randall Davidson went yesterday to Windsor Castle as the guests of the King and Queen. The work and anxieties of Prayer-book revision, which have been continuous for the last exceptional strain upon Dr. Davidson's strength. He is a young 79, and he has borne very well all the work and responsibility, but the rest of the year will also be full of Prayer-book business. Dr. Davidson starts the day early and is a hard and methodical worker. His first task is to run through the newspapers, after which he deals with the enormous and complicated correspondence that pours into Lambeth Palace. In the afternoon there are all kinds of meetings, services, and ceremonies. Dr. Davidson became Archbishop 24 years ago, and he has already held his office longer than any other Archbishop, since the Reformation. Everyone has heard of his caution and diplomatic skill, and in these qualities he is certainly highly equipped. As a conciliator of warring opinions he has always been conspicuously successful, but his success has been due less to diplomacy than to his universally acknowledged sincerity and generous toleration of mind. He is, as people say, a wise old man. It would be a falsehood to say that he has ever allowed caution to override the necessity of speaking out where conviction and principle demand it. His pronouncement during the general strike, which some called an indiscretion, will probably be remembered as a glory of his reign.



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SPORTS SECTION

LAWN TENNIS.

ABANDONMENT OF ALL FIXTURES.

The local lawn tennis League had a blank afternoon on Saturday, the state of the grounds being responsible for the postponement of all the thirteen matches on the card. Yesterday's game between the C.R.C. and the Indian Recreation Club was likewise postponed, also the American tournament at the Civil Service Club.

To-day again tennis is entirely out of the question. This means another postponement of the exhibition match in aid of the I.R.C. pavilion fund and likewise of the inter-club match for the ladies challenge shield at the U.S.R.C.

STARS ECLIPSED.

French Victory in Doubles.

Paris, May 20. In the doubles at St. Cloud Brugnion and Borotra beat Tilden and Hunter, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

The French pair were superb individually, but their strength lay in their perfect understanding. Borotra with his usual fireworks at the net engaged in one rally which is unequalled in brilliance in the annals of French lawn tennis. He finished off with a great smash in between the Americans. Brugnion's powerful searching cross courters were also a big factor in the game. The Americans appeared to lack staying power.

Tilden gave a brilliant exhibition of stroke production, courtcraft and sparkling service, although all players lost several service games.

Lacoste seldom came to the net. He relied on forehand cross-court drives to the back line.

Hunter alternated with cut shots just over the net with lobs, but netted a large proportion of the returns. The American was most courageous toward the end, forcing the fifth game.

The last set was at deuce all three, eventually the ball being sent out. Borotra was unable to get into his stride in the first set. Tilden drove a succession of strokes to the Frenchman's forehand. Nevertheless the set yielded four deuce games, whilst the fifth game went to deuce seven times before Tilden, by varying his length and speed outwitted his opponent. Thereafter the game was won by court craft, the American serving amazingly varied swift drives and occasional lobs which nonplussed even the bounding Basque.—Reuter.

Tilden v. Borotra. Paris, May 22. Tilden defeated Borotra, 6-0, 6-3.

Lacoste beat Hunter, 6-0, 6-0. One more match has to be decided.—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP.

Results of Further Contests.

London, May 21. Gregory (British) beat Worm (Denmark), 6-3, 6-4, 10-8, 6-4.

The decisive match between Higgs and Ulich was postponed until to-morrow on account of rain.—Reuter.

Switzerland Eliminated.

Berne, May 21. South Africa beat Switzerland in the Davis Cup by winning the first three matches played and thus earned the right to meet Germany in the third round.—Reuter.

Belgium v. Poland.

Brussels, May 21. Belgium won the first three matches against Poland and earned the right to play Czechoslovakia in the third round.—Reuter.

France Beats U.S.A.

Paris, May 22. France has beaten the United States by three matches to one.—Reuter.

Denmark Beats Britain.

Harrogate, May 22. In the Davis Cup Denmark beat Britain by three matches to two.

Ulrich defeated Higgs, 1-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.—Reuter.

Wednesday. Detroit, 5; Washington, 3. St. Louis, 3; Boston, 6. Chicago, 3; Philadelphia, 0. Cleveland, 3; New York, 4.

Thursday. Detroit, 0; Washington, 3. St. Louis, 6; Boston, 5.

Friday. Cleveland, 2; New York, 1. Chicago, 5; Philadelphia, 12.

—Reuter's American Service.

ON THE LINKS.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH AT HOYLAK.

London, May 21. At Hoylake, in the usual international preliminary to the amateur Championship between England and Scotland, England won the singles by five and a half points to four and a half.

Scotland won the foursomes by three points to two.—Reuter.

An Interesting Event To-day. On February 1, Leonard Nettiefold, the 21-year-old amateur golf champion of Australia, set out with his father on a world tour.

From the point of view of Australian golf, the most interesting adventure he will have will be his participation in the British Amateur Championship at Hoylake, on the links of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, to-day.

He is not yet the golfer that last year's Australian amateur champion, Harry Sinclair, was when he took part in the 1926 British Championship at St. Andrews, but it would not be in the least surprising if he did better than Sinclair.

YACHTING.

SERVICES CRUISE ON SATURDAY.

A cruise for Services boats took place on Saturday under the auspices of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, the course being: Coastwise to Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rocks, Cust Rock, by a line West to East.

The boats went away to a good start with a run to Channel Rocks, where the two cutters were leading. From here it was a beat to windward and to Kowloon Rocks. The light weather suited the galleys well. All the boats were becalmed for a time under the Kowloon Rocks, but eventually picked up a nice breeze out of Kowloon Bay and fetched Cust Rock. The "Hermes" Galley, very well sailed by Petty Officer Skeg, was the first to finish and took first prize on time, followed by Captain Stevens, R.N., of the "Dragon" in his galley finishing a good second.

Details:—Galley "Hermes" Time 5.53.0. Galley "Dragon" 5.12.45. Galley "Frobisher" 5.13.00. Galley "Bruce" D.N.F. Whaler "Bruce" D.N.F. Cutter "Frobisher" D.N.F. Cutter "Hermes" D.N.F. Whaler "Hermes" D.N.F.

The boats were sailed by the following in the order given above:—P.O. Skeg, Capt. Stevens, P.O. Caunter, Eng.-Comm. Marshall, Lieut. Tate, P.O. W. Lee, Lieut. Murray Smith, and P.O. Johnson.

BASEBALL.

RESULTS OF U.S. LEAGUE MATCHES.

New York, May 21. The following are the past week's results in the Baseball Leagues:—

National League.

Saturday. New York, 2; Cincinnati, 1. Brooklyn, 1; Pittsburgh, 6. Philadelphia, 12; St. Louis, 3. (uncompleted).

Boston, 2; Chicago, 7. (eighteen innings).

Sunday.

New York, 6; Cincinnati, 3. Brooklyn, 6; Pittsburgh, 9.

Monday.

New York, 2; Cincinnati, 0. Brooklyn, 2; Pittsburgh, 1. Boston, 3; Chicago, 4. (twenty-two innings).

Philadelphia, 4; St. Louis, 3.

Wednesday.

New York, 6; Pittsburgh, 13. Brooklyn, 4; Chicago, 7. Boston, 8; St. Louis, 1.

Friday.

New York, 3; Pittsburgh, 8. Brooklyn, 4; Boston, 7. Philadelphia, 3; Cincinnati, 6. Philadelphia, 15; Cincinnati, 2.

Saturday.

Cleveland, 5; Washington, 2. St. Louis, 12; Philadelphia, 2.

Sunday.

Chicago, 1; Boston, 2. St. Louis, 8; Philadelphia, 6.

Monday.

Detroit, 2; New York, 6. Chicago, 5; Boston, 2. St. Louis, 8; Philadelphia, 10.

Tuesday.

Detroit, 2; New York, 9. Cleveland, 0; Washington, 12.

Chicago, 9; Boston, 6. St. Louis, 11; Philadelphia, 4.

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LAWN BOWLS.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

Of the seven lawn bowls matches in the League arranged for Saturday, only four were played off, some of the greens being in a sodden condition due to the heavy rains of the last few days.

Kowloon Docks R.C., leaders in Division I, were not engaged owing to the adverse ground conditions. They are still at the head of the table with a match in hand over Craigengower, who have the same number of points.

On Saturday, Craigengower C.C. convincingly defeated their next door neighbours, the Police R.C., by 18 shots.

In Division II, Kowloon C.C., by defeating the C.C.C., have ousted Taikoo R.C. from the first position being two points ahead but have played one match more than the latter team.

Craigengower C.C. (2nd team) have played three matches and have yet to record a victory.

The K.B.G.C. defeated the Club de Recreo on the latter's ground by 23 shots.

Details:—

DIVISION I.

Craigengower C.C. v. P.R.C.

Playing on their own green, Craigengower C.C. defeated Police R.C. by 18 shots. Scores:—

C.C.C. P.R.C.

R. F. L. Greenwood

C. S. Rossetti Marks

E. el Arculli Reid

D. Rummah Mair

(skip) 15 (skip) 20

F. J. Neves Glendinning

D. Fritz Whant

C. M. S. Alves Buchanan

U. M. Omar Moss

(skip) 24 (skip) 15

W. B. Muskett Collins

M. A. R. Souza Hollands

C. Bennett Sword

R. Bana West

(skip) 23 (skip) 9

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DIVISION II.

Civil Service v. East Point.

On their own green at Happy Valley, the Civil Service C.C. lost to East Point R.C. by 10 shots.

Scores:—

C.C.C. E.P.R.C.

Deceleshall Samways

Rose Williamson

Haynes McKellar

Brayn Lee

(skip) 10 (skip) 23

Holdman Baker

Flegg Vickers

Allan Henderson

Alderman McTavish

(skip) 18 (skip) 21

Strange Shaw

Luck Webster

Archibald Whitford

Massey Hamilton

(skip) 25 (skip) 19

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K.C.C. v. Craigengower C.C.

Playing on their own green, Kowloon C.C. beat Craigengower C.C. by 12 shots. Scores:—

K.C.C. C.C.C.

Hirst Kharas

Lyal Abbas

Smith Beer

Lammert Knott

(skip) 25 (skip) 12

Laborum Nicholson

Lawrence Williams

Petheram Kitchell

Davidson (skip) 16 (skip) 19

Hamblin Substitute

Kern Coates

Wragge Razack

Herbridge Brightman

(skip) 18 (skip) 16

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RECREIO v. K.B.G.C.

On their own green, Club de Recreo lost to Kowloon B. G. C. by 23 shots. Scores:—

Recreio K.B.G.C.

E.V.M.R. de Souza Matthews

E. M. Remedios Cameron

C. E. Marques Budding

A. Ribeiro MacLachlan

(skip) 12 (skip) 24

A. V. Silva Hale

F. X. Barro Stenham

C. Silva Hatt

L. C. R. de Souza Warren

(skip) 16 (skip) 18

C. F. Vas T. Fergusson

H. R. Sequeira W. Rundell

F. dos Remedios R. Dixon

J. Ribeiro B. Wylie

(skip) 18 (skip) 27

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LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:—

Division I. P. W. D. L. Pts.

Kowloon D.R.C. 2 2 0 0 4

Craigengower C.C. 3 2 0 1 4

Taikoo R.C. 1 1 0 0 2

Kowloon C.C. 2 1 0 1 2

Police R.C. 3 1 0 2 2

Kowloon B.G.C. 1 0 0 1 0

Civil Service C.C. 2 0 0 2 0

SPORTS CABLES.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

London, April 30.

Bournemouth.—In the final of the British Hard Courts Championship, Lacoste's versatility was too good for Spence's steadiness. The Frenchman's devastating array of shots outclassed Spence, in spite of his heroic efforts.

London, May 1.

In the men's doubles, Brugnion and Lacoste beat Lycett and Spence 6-1, 6-2, 7-5.

In the ladies' doubles, Mrs. Tuckey and Miss Chamberlain beat Mrs. Hill and Miss Ridley 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

In the mixed doubles Spence and Miss Nuthall beat Crole, Rees and Miss Haydon 7-5, 6-2.

Amateur Tennis.

London, April 28.

At Queen's Club in the Amateur Tennis Championship (third round), the Hon. C. N. Bruce beat T. Workman, 6-1, 6-1, 6-0; L. Lees



Miss A. Baron, the Dutch swimming champion, who has created a new world record during a meet in Brussels, Belgium, in a 200-metre race for women. She made a record of 3:18.18, thereby shattering a long-standing record.

beat N. Freudenthal, 6-0, 6-0, 6-2; E. Bruce beat Major-General Shoppard, 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; R. Hill beat A. Taylor, 6-4, 6-3, 2-0, 6-4.

London, April 29.

At Queen's Club, in the first round of the Inter-Club Tennis Doubles Championship, Philadelphia, consisting of the ex-champion, Jay Gould, and C. Wright, outclassed the Cambridge pair, Workman and Kemp Welch, winning 8-0, 8-1.

England's Cricket Future.

London, April 29.

At Lord's the Board of Control of Test Matches, Lord Harris presiding appointed Messrs. Leveson Gower (Chairman), J. W. H. T. Douglas, and A. W. Carr (or failing one of them the Hon. F. S. G. Calverley), the selection committee for the 1927 trial matches, with power to co-opt two professionals, one each from the North and South.

A resolution was passed debarring members of the committee or players from making statements to the Press, either about discussions in committee or reports of matches, before the end of the season.

It was recommended that the following trials should be played in 1928 (at the end of which season the England team goes to Australia):—

England versus the Rest. Gentlemen versus West Indies. Players versus West Indies.

All the matches are to take place before June 23.

Shots for and Against.

For Agst. Up Dn.
Craigengower C.C. 176 142 34 0
Kowloon D.R.C. 131 102 29 0
Taikoo R.C. 60 54 6 0
Kowloon B.G.C. 58 63 0 5
Civil Service C.C. 114 129 0 15
Kowloon C.C. 102 118 0 16
Police R.C. 163 186 0 38

Division II.

P. W. D. L. Pts.
Kowloon C.C. 3 3 0 0 6
Taikoo R.C. 2 2 0 0 4
East Point R.C. 3 2 0 1 4
Kowloon B.G.C. 2 1 0 1 2
Civil Service C.C. 3 1 0 2 2
Club de Recreo 3 1 0 2 2
Royal H.K.Y.C. 1 0 0 1 0
Craigengower C.C. 3 0 0 3 0

Shots for and Against.

For Agst. Up Dn.
East Point R.C. 161 149 32 0
Kowloon C.C. 183 158 25 0
Kowloon B.G.C. 126 107 19 0
Taikoo R.C. 124 110 14 0
Civil Service C.C. 68 66 0 8
Civil Service C.C. 178 184 0 11
Club de Recreo 162 179 0 27
Craigengower C.C. 149 193 0 44

IN THE RING.

SHARKEY TO MEET DEMPSEY.

New York, May 21.

The fight between Sharkey and Maloney was postponed till to-night owing to rain. Sharkey beat Maloney on a technical knock-out in the fifth round.—Reuter's American Service.

[A New York cable of May 17 stated:—The fight promoter, Tex Rickard, has announced that Dempsey has refused the proposal to fight Paulino on or about July 1 but has agreed to meet the winner of next Thursday's heavy weight battle between Sharkey and Maloney early in August, to determine Tunney's opponent in the world's title bout in September.]

MOTOR TRAGEDY.

INQUEST STORY OF A 15-YEAR SKID.

"45 MILES AN HOUR."

Mr. Rafael Sabatini, the novelist, gave evidence at the inquest at Brockweir, in the Wye Valley, during mail week, on his seventeen-year-old son, Rafael Angelo.

The youth was motoring from Llandogo to Monmouth the day when his motor-car skidded, and he was fatally injured. His mother, who was with him, was severely hurt, but is now progressing satisfactorily.

Mr. Sabatini said his son was under a tutor at Hornham, preparing for Oxford. He was a good driver and had driven for nine months. He himself had driven with the youth and never felt the slightest anxiety.

Mrs. Sabatini's injuries were to the shoulder on the right hand, and she was suffering from shock. She would be unable to attend the inquest for some weeks, and would not then be able to tell them anything about the accident.

James Francis, a commercial traveller, of Newport, said that while motoring towards Llandogo an open motor-car passed him at about forty-five miles an hour. It turned the bend a hundred yards ahead of him, and a quarter of a mile from there he saw it in the hedge on the left-hand side, with the bonnet facing the hedge. The motor-car was lying across the camber of the road on its wheels.

Mrs. Sabatini and her son were lying in the roadway, and some women were attending her. The son was bleeding from the nose and mouth. The road was dry and the surface good, but there were distinct skid marks on the road.

The skid mark, which was about fifteen yards long, showed no sign of "tread."

Reginald Watkins, a timber haulier, said his attention was attracted to the motor-car when he was in his garden by the sound of brakes being applied, and he saw that it was travelling broadside on down the hill. It hit the kerb and the woman was thrown out, and then the boy. He did not see the motor-car overturn.

Watkins added that he went up to Mrs. Sabatini and heard her say, "Look after my dear boy first." He saw that the youth was "nearly done," went back to his mother, and carried her indoors.

Other witnesses said they did not see anything in the road to cause Mr. Sabatini to pull up suddenly, and a motor mechanic said he had driven the motor-car five miles after the accident, and the brakes were in order. He formed the conclusion the accident was caused by the brakes being put on suddenly.

A verdict was returned that death was due to a fracture of the base of the skull, there not being sufficient evidence to add anything further.

Expensive Laughs.

The following comes from Germany: At Stettin, laughter is liable to lead to trouble. A German couple, Herr and Frau Tanzer, stepped out of a shop while the latter told her husband a funny story. The husband burst into a hearty guffaw, whereupon a policeman rushed

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AMBULANCE BRIGADE'S FINE CONCERT.

Under the auspices of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, a most enjoyable concert was given in the auditorium of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Saturday night. In spite of counter-attractions there was a crowded house and the funds of the Division should gain, it is anticipated, by about \$1,000. The chair was taken by Dr. Ho, and he was supported by Mr. E. Ralphs, Assistant Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, and other warm supporters of this very worthy cause.

After a few introductory remarks by Dr. Ho on the work being done by the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division, the following programme was gone through, all those contributing being heartily applauded:

Cantonese Music . . . Messrs. Yau Hok-chow and Friends.
Cantonese Song . . . Miss Chow Fung-ying.
Piano Solo . . . Miss Lily Li.
Fire String . . . Mr. Wong Yue-cho.
Chinese Boxing . . . Chin Woo Association.

Song . . . Mrs. C. W. Olson.
Greek Dance . . . Miss Rachael Wong.
Monologue . . . Messrs. Wong Ma-ho and Wong Ma-tai.
Magic . . . Mr. A. J. Raptis.
The Concert Committee comprised: Hon. Chairman: Mr. Ho Kom-tong, corps superintendent; Chairman: Dr. Shu Fan-ll, divisional surgeon; Vice-Chairman: Dr. C. V. Ho, divisional surgeon; Hon. Secretary: Mr. Chak Tai-kwong, divisional superintendent; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Seto Chung, Ambulance Officer; Wong Kam-cheung, Sergeant; U. Kai-cheung and Chan Wang-fat, Corporals; Pang Shiu-kwai and Wong Shu-wah; L/Coral J. Gomes; Privates Lam Wing-kam, Wong Ma-ho, Wong Ma-tai and Cheng Hin-lee.

COMPARISONS.

WHERE H.K. SCORES OVER SHANGHAI.

The various units of the defence force who have now proceeded East and find their destination in Hong Kong instead of Shanghai, will be more than satisfied, says a Straits contemporary.

Shanghai can offer few attractions to compare even with those to be found in our grimest seaports. In approaching from the sea—and it does not stand on the shores of the spreading Yangtze as generally imagined, but some miles up a wide and sluggish side creek—the principal surprise it accords a foreign visitor is its remarkable lack of all the anticipated oriental landmarks.

Fringed by huge modern cotton factories, warehouses and wharves, it is as much like Hull, as seen from the Humber, as any other seaport well could be. Its exceptional interest lies in this very fact as being a symbol of the effects of China's contact with the West.

Hong Kong, on the other hand, though also a monument to the skill of British engineering, is as romantic in scenic character as Shanghai is prosaic. Approached through channels of limpid jade-green water between barren, mountainous islets, it reveals itself as a veritable Naples of the East. Terrace above terrace of attractive modern houses and stately public buildings, interspersed by brilliant splashes of colour from numerous exotic gardens, the whole city rises almost sheer from the water front to a height of some 2,000 feet. The roadways and the foundations for the buildings have been literally blasted from the face of the rude rock. Yet so carefully have the gradients been studied that the actual summit is even accessible to motor cars.

We may see ourselves in future relatively prosperous, as a whole, yet having extraordinary gaps in that prosperity—like a strong, healthy man with a great open wound.—Sir J. Stamp.

AT THE STAR.

"THE FIGHTING CUB" TO-DAY.

One of the most youthful stars on the screen to-day is also one of the real "veterans" of Alldom. Wesley Barry, famed for his freckles and his ability to portray the average American boy to perfection, started nearly twelve years ago on his screen career.

An opportunity for admirers of Wesley Barry to see him in excellent characterization will be given in "The Fighting Cub." In addition to the juvenile star, the featured cast includes Pat O'Malley, Mary Carr, George Fawcett, Mildred Harris, Walter Long, Stuart Holmes, Ann May and others of equal prominence.

Recently, Wesley Barry decided to accept no further long term contracts, accepting only those offers which allow him to portray parts for which he is best fitted. His first engagement under this system was in "The Fighting Cub," a melodramatic romance of newspaper life, in which he is cast as the go-get-em cub reporter. The Wilbur Players will perform at the 9.15 house only.

WORLD THEATRE.

"COMPROMISE" SHOWING TO-DAY.

As Joan Trevor, heroine of Jay Gelzer's dramatic story, Irene Rich appears as a sensitive woman filled with ideals and definitely set against compromising with the world.

Her selfish little half-sister, most admirably portrayed by Pauline Garon, lures Joan's husband (Clive Brook) away from her; and Joan's suffering and humiliation are keen. Their old father, (Winter Hall), shekers Joan during her husband's absence, and gradually she begins to realise that in order to derive any happiness in the world, one must make adjustments. It is only after she has quarrelled bitterly with her sister Nathalie, beating her in her rage with a riding crop; and seeing her husband, bruised and repentant after a terrific tornado, come to beg forgiveness, that Joan compromises and starts over again with a fuller sense of understanding.



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AT THE QUEEN'S.

"OPEN ALL NIGHT" TO-DAY ONLY.

"Open All Night" is a story of one night in Paris—city of gay loves—and of a cultured woman's search for adventure to break the monotony of her too civilized home life. Married to a man who is a calm sophisticate in the world of Parisian society, she tires of his never-failing courtesy and apparent indifference to her charms. Although cultured and a gentlewoman, her nature is close to the elemental—the kind of nature that would prefer brutality to indifference.

She fancies her search is ended when she meets a famous athlete who is for the moment electrifying all Paris with his skill as a champion bicycle rider in the famous International Bicycle Race at the Winter Circus. Complications follow thick and fast when her husband discovers her infatuation for the athlete and decides to act like a caveman himself for a change.

As can readily be seen it is a farce-comedy that has unlimited humorous possibilities. Most of the events take place in and around the race track and for thrilling action and realism nothing ever before flashed on the screen can compare to the tremendously exciting race that is the main feature of the film.

The leading players include Jetta Goudal, Viola Dana, Adolphe Menjou, Maurice ("Lefty") Flynn, Raymond Griffith and Gale Henry.

COMING FILMS.

NOTES ON "THE LOVES OF PHARAOH."

Following are details of pictures which are to be shown here shortly, among which are historical dramas, spectacles and fun fiestas.

"The Loves of Pharaoh." In producing "The Loves of Pharaoh," Ernest Lubitsch, who made "Peccation," "Passion" and "Gypsy Blood," has accomplished his greatest screen achievement.

New York newspaper critics were unanimous in acclaiming the picture as one of the masterpieces of the screen. The big battle scenes were directed by Mr. Lubitsch from an observation station. The people were drilled in groups of fifty and their movements before the camera were directed by more than a hundred lieutenants or sub-directors working at signal stations, all in direct communication with the producer.

Speaking of Dagny Servaes, who plays the role of Theon in the picture, Mr. Lubitsch stated that he picked his leading actresses with regard solely for their ability to portray properly the characters. In Miss Servaes, he found a combination of ability and beauty.

"Bardelys the Magnificent." This picture, one of the most vivid spectacles ever made for the screen, is from Rafael Sabatini's famous story of medieval France. Vidor also figures as an author in the picture version, having, with Dorothy Farnum, adapted the colourful romance to the screen.

The story, concluded to be the masterpiece of the author of "Scaramouche," "The Sea Hawk," and others, provides an amazing display of Gilbert's versatility. He fights some ferocious duels, for which he trained under the tutelage of an expert swordsman for several weeks; swims a raging river on horseback, pole vaults out of the grasp of his enemies and does a score of other equally dangerous and astounding stunts.

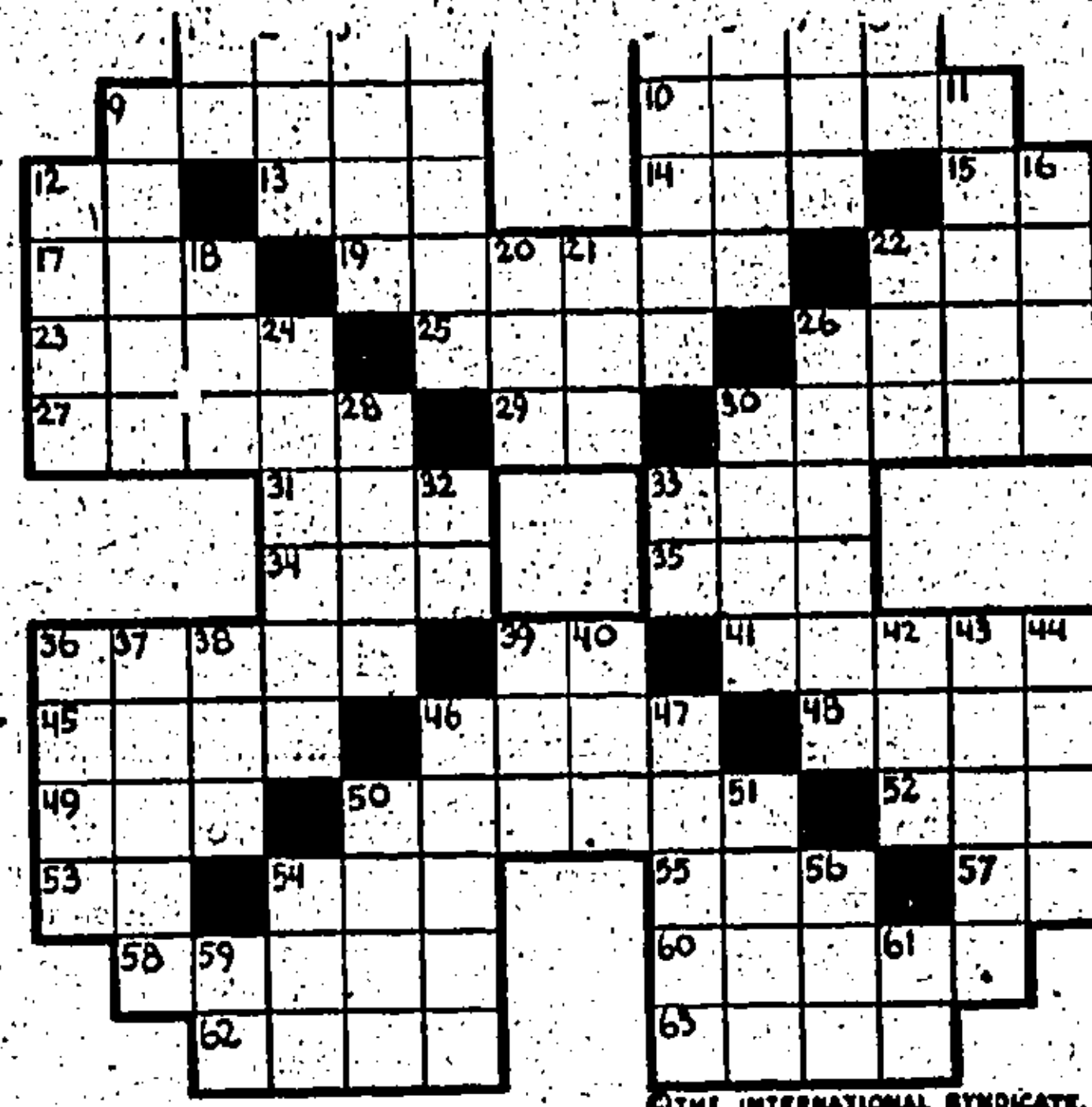
"Pretty Ladies." The leading roles of "Pretty Ladies" are played by Zasu Pitts, who portrays Maggie Keenan, the hilarious comedienne of the show, and Tom Moore, the torpid drumming dynamo of the orchestra pit. A splendid cast appears in support, including Ann Pennington, Lilian Tashman, Norma Shearer, Conrad Nagel, Bernard Rudolph, Helena D'Algy, George K. Arthur, Lucille Le Sueur, Paul Ellis, Roy D'Arcy, Gwendolyn Lee, Dorothy Seastrom, Lew Harvey, Chad Huber, Walter Shumway, Dan Crimmins and Jimmie Quinn.

"Pretty Ladies" is a screen version of a popular "Cosmopolitan Magazine" story by Adela Rogers St. Johns, which was adapted by Alice D. G. Miller.

Just now the coal industry is suffering, and suffering badly, from too much individualism.—Sir John Cadman.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Boast
- 5-Smooth-tongued
- 9-A fruit
- 10-A Western farm
- 12-Exclamation
- 13-For
- 14-Possessive
- 15-By
- 17-Possessive pronoun
- 19-Barn (Law)
- 22-Prize meaning "three"
- 23-To move swiftly
- 25-To molt
- 27-At that place
- 29-You
- 30-Verse
- 31-Chopping tool
- 32-In favor of
- 34-To fasten with a pin
- 35-Adverb of degree
- 36-Rain and snow
- 37-The king (abbr.)
- 41-Dared
- 42-A flock
- 43-Enemies
- 45-Be excessively fond of

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 49-Hall (Lat.)
- 50-Enough
- 52-Armed conflict
- 53-Myself
- 54-A beverage
- 55-Fish eggs
- 57-Inside
- 58-People as distinguished from the clergy
- 60-Predict
- 62-State of disorder
- 63-To bolster up

VERTICAL

- 1-Exist
- 2-Knock
- 3-Land measure
- 4-Specter
- 5-Search blindly
- 6-Ordinances
- 7-Total
- 8-Before Christ (abbr.)
- 9-Bag
- 11-Seraglio
- 12-Multitude
- 18-Ride and fall of the

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 20-Plaything
- 21-A unit
- 22-You
- 24-Arranged in folds
- 25-Winding-sheet
- 26-This way out
- 30-Crucifix
- 32-Prefix meaning "in"
- 33-Measure of distance (abbr.)
- 36-False
- 37-Flax
- 38-Before
- 39-Garden implement
- 40-Males
- 42-Disagreement
- 43-Series of mounting steps
- 44-Gull-like bird
- 45-Skine
- 47-Narrow strip of leather
- 50-Fondles
- 51-Thy
- 54-To bind
- 55-Self
- 56-Part of the verb "to be"
- 61-Toward a higher place

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to other words. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

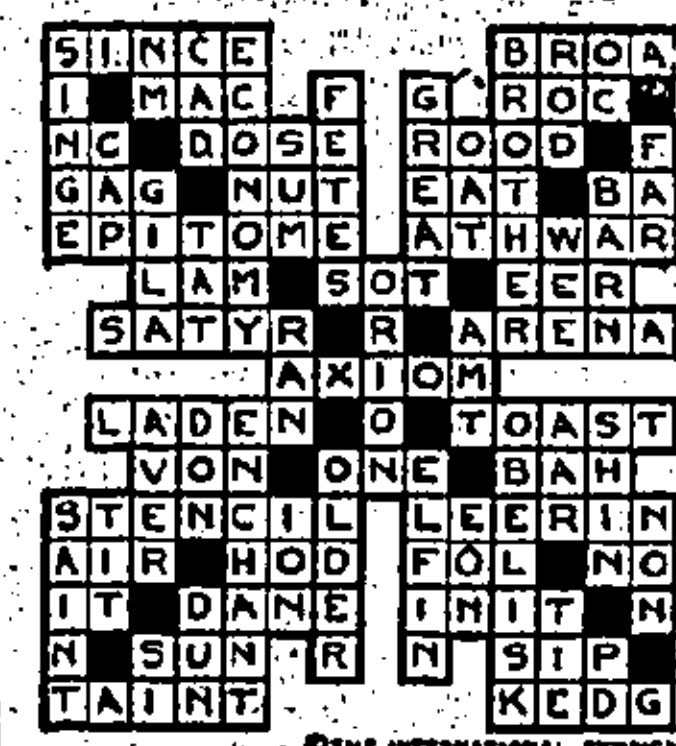
AMERICAN APPOINTMENTS.

Washington, May 21.

It is formally announced from the White House that Mr. J. C. Grew, Under-Secretary of State, has been appointed United States Ambassador to Turkey.

General Lincoln C. Andrews, having completed the work of reorganising the prohibition forces, has resigned the headship of the prohibition service.—Reuter's American Service.

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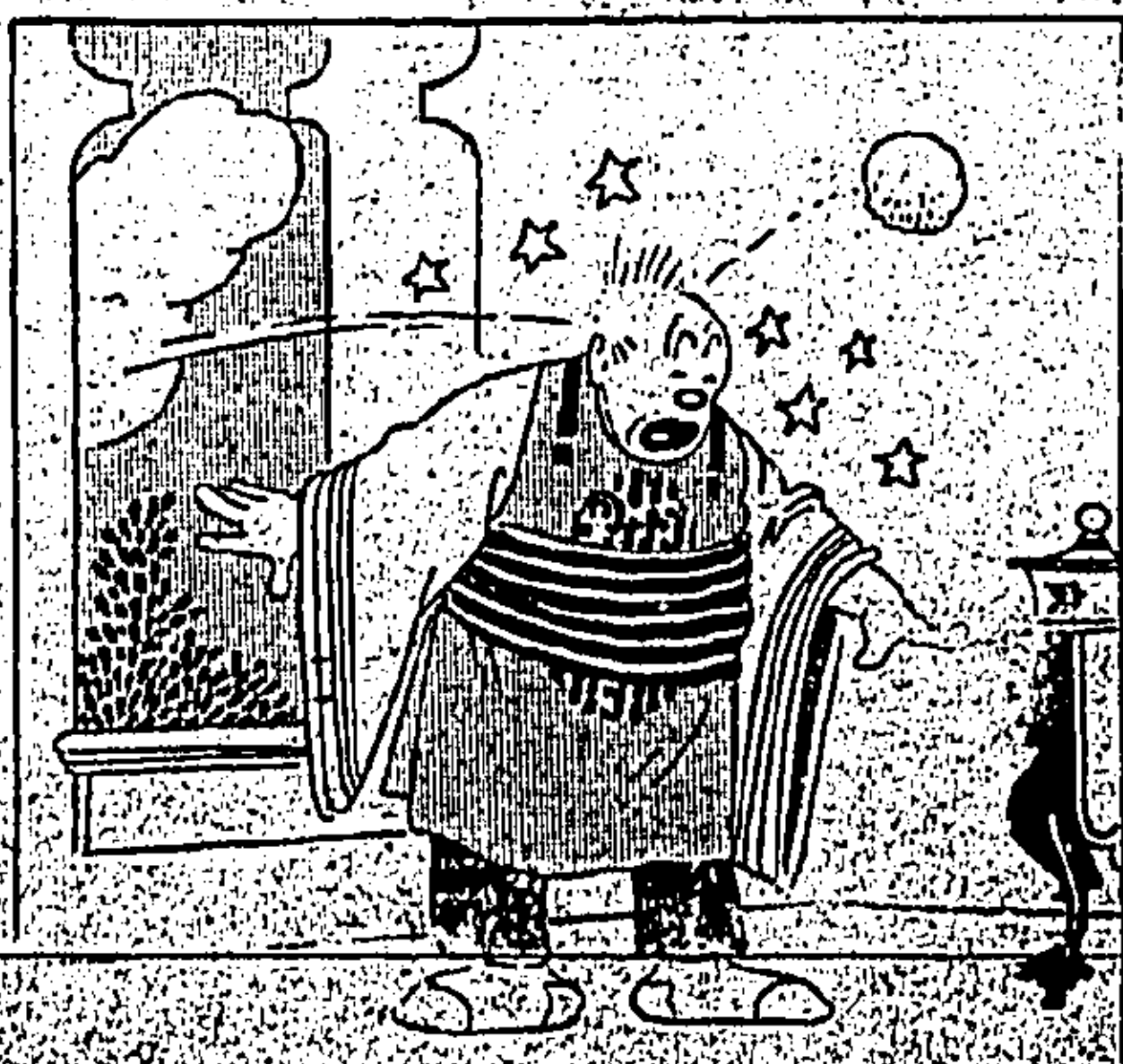
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Dr. Crommelin, Assistant Astronomer at Greenwich Observatory, who knows as much about comets as any man in the world, retired on May 10.

But when he gives up his post, on the thirty-sixth anniversary of his appointment, he does not intend to abandon his study of the skies.

"I shall have many problems to occupy my time," he told an "Evening Standard" representative on March 28, "and none is of more immediate interest than the approaching arrival of Pons-Winnecke. This comet, now 90 million miles away, is approaching us at the rate of a million miles a day."

"On June 27 it will be nearest to the earth. It should then be only 3½ million miles off."

"I wish we could eradicate the popular misconception about comets, which seem to be looked upon by many people as dangerous things that might hit the earth and destroy us all. There is a general idea that a comet is made up of fire, and would burn us if it got too near."

"There is no fire in a comet. The tail is a mere bunch of vapours which are so thin that you can even see stars through them."

"There are some poison gases in these vapours, but they could not harm us."

Our Last "Passage."

"Twice in modern times we have gone through the tail of a comet, the last occasion being in 1910, when we went through the tail of Halley's comet. In 1861 we had a similar experience, and nobody was any the worse for it."

"Even if the head of a comet struck the earth I do not believe there would be any serious consequences. There might be a few casualties, because the head of a comet is a dense swarm of meteoric masses. There might be a little trouble, perhaps, from big meteors, but nothing of a very serious kind—and that is the sort of thing that would occur only once in millions of years."

In these days nothing can be done without advertising and without a close study of the markets.—Sir Malcolm A. Robertson.

DRAGONS.

THE SPIRIT OF SAINT GEORGE.

WORLD'S CRYING NEED.

"There has never been a greater need for the spirit of St. George than to-day," declared the Rev. Prebendary A. W. Gough, of St. Paul's, at a St. George's Day service at Wellington barracks.

St. George, he added, stood for a masculine religion in the world where there were still dragons. He was not afraid of feminine influence in politics, but of the dragon because he praised weakness, condoned idleness, applauded the vigorous qualities of other nations, and thought it irreligious to praise them in his own.

"The feminine man," he declared, "will always believe his country is wrong. He would make unemployment a flourishing industry, and complacently enter into a trade agreement the diplomatic relations with a country which he knows is trying to undermine our position. There is only one thing which can deliver the world from the evils that oppress it—the spirit of England responding to the call of St. George."

A MILLIONAIRE.

DEATH OF MR. ARATHOON STEPHEN.

Calcutta, May 14.
The death has occurred of Mr. Arathoon Stephen, the Armenian millionaire.

Mr. Stephen came to Calcutta from Persia in 1880 with a capital of £2 and no knowledge of English. He started work as a jeweller's apprentice at £2 a month, and with amazing grit and ability he established his own business.

Later he acquired huge interests in hotels and landed property, including the Grand Hotel, Calcutta, and the Mount Everest Hotel, Darjeeling. He possessed one of the finest collections of old china in the world.

The Servant (in a registry office)—How many are there in your family?

The Lady—Three.
Servant—What are the wages?

Lady—Twenty pounds.

Servant—Where do you live?

Lady (sarcastically)—Oh, don't bother about that; we'll move anywhere you wish.

YEAR'S RECORD.

WORK OF DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

NEW BUILDING IN KOWLOON.

The year 1926 will always be one of the memorable years in the school's history, states the Headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School (the Rev. W. T. Featherstone) in the course of the annual report. In March, after eight years hard and patient work, the school moved from its old home on the island of Hong Kong to its new premises on the Kowloon peninsula. At the end of the year, in February 1927, just as we were beginning to appreciate our new buildings and grounds, came the sad news that we had to let our school to the Military Authorities for the purposes of a General Hospital in connection with the Shanghai Defence Force, and the school opened the new year in temporary premises in Nathan Road.

Distinguished Visitors.

On November 30 His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., and the Director of Education, Mr. A. E. Wood, visited the school. After inspecting the buildings, the grounds and the classes His Excellency spoke to the school and expressed great pleasure at what he had seen. At His Excellency's request the school was granted a whole holiday.

The Senior Prefect, L. Dixon, thanked His Excellency for his speech and for the holiday.

After seeing a register, dating back to 1870 and a minute book signed back to 1868 His Excellency signed the Visitors Book.

In the minute book His Excellency the Governor found the name and signatures of his uncle and godfather, the late Rt. Hon. Sir Cecil Clement Smith, G.C.M.G., who was a member of the school committee from 1871 to 1873, acting as chairman from 1873 to 1875.

The Lord Bishop of London, the Right Rev. A. F. Winnington Ingram, K.C.V.O., visited the school on December 29. He was accompanied by his personal friend, Mr. Ormond A. Blyth and his Chaplain, The Rev. H. C. Thomas.

A photograph was taken of the whole school, after which the Bishop spoke to the boys. Among other things His Lordship said that he thought he was not exaggerating when he said that the site of the Diocesan Boys' School was the finest school site he had seen in the world.

On Christmas Eve about twenty boys went to the Bishop of Victoria's house at St. Paul's College where the Bishop of London was dining. Carols were sung and tunes played on tubular bell and hand bells.

When the Bishop left Hong Kong on New Year's Day 1927 about one hundred boys took a launch and fired crackers as the Bishop embarked and later left the harbour. A book of photographs of the school and buildings was presented to the Bishop.

The Committee.

The late Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., was the senior member of the committee and in him the school loses a very old friend. He became a member of the committee in 1872. In 1887 he bought half of the old site at Bonham Road and gave it to the school and in connection with the New Buildings his advice was very valuable.

Mr. N. L. Smith resigned in March. The Rev. N. V. Halward acted temporarily as Hon. Secretary until September, when Mr. P. S. Cassidy was appointed Hon. Correspondent and Secretary, the Rev. N. V. Halward remaining on the committee.

Mr. G. S. Archbutt and Mr. T. G. Weall became members of the committee in April.

In September Mr. A. H. Compton was appointed Vice-Chairman of the school committee.

The members of the building sub-committee have been—Mr. A. H. Compton, Chairman, Major E. J. Bone, Professor G. T. Byrne, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, The Rev. W. T. Featherstone and Mr. W. L. Patten-

den. The finance sub-committee members were—Mr. A. H. Compton, Chairman, Professor G. T. Byrne, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. W. L. Patten-

den and the Rev. W. T. Featherstone. The members of the sub-committee appointed to deal with the matter of handing over the School to the Military Authorities and arranging for Temporary Premises in February and March, 1927, were Mr. A. H. Compton, Chairman, The Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C., Mr. P. S. Cassidy and the Rev. W. T. Featherstone.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR MAY, 1927.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
May 23	5.41	7.00
24	5.40	7.00
25	5.40	7.00
26	5.40	7.01
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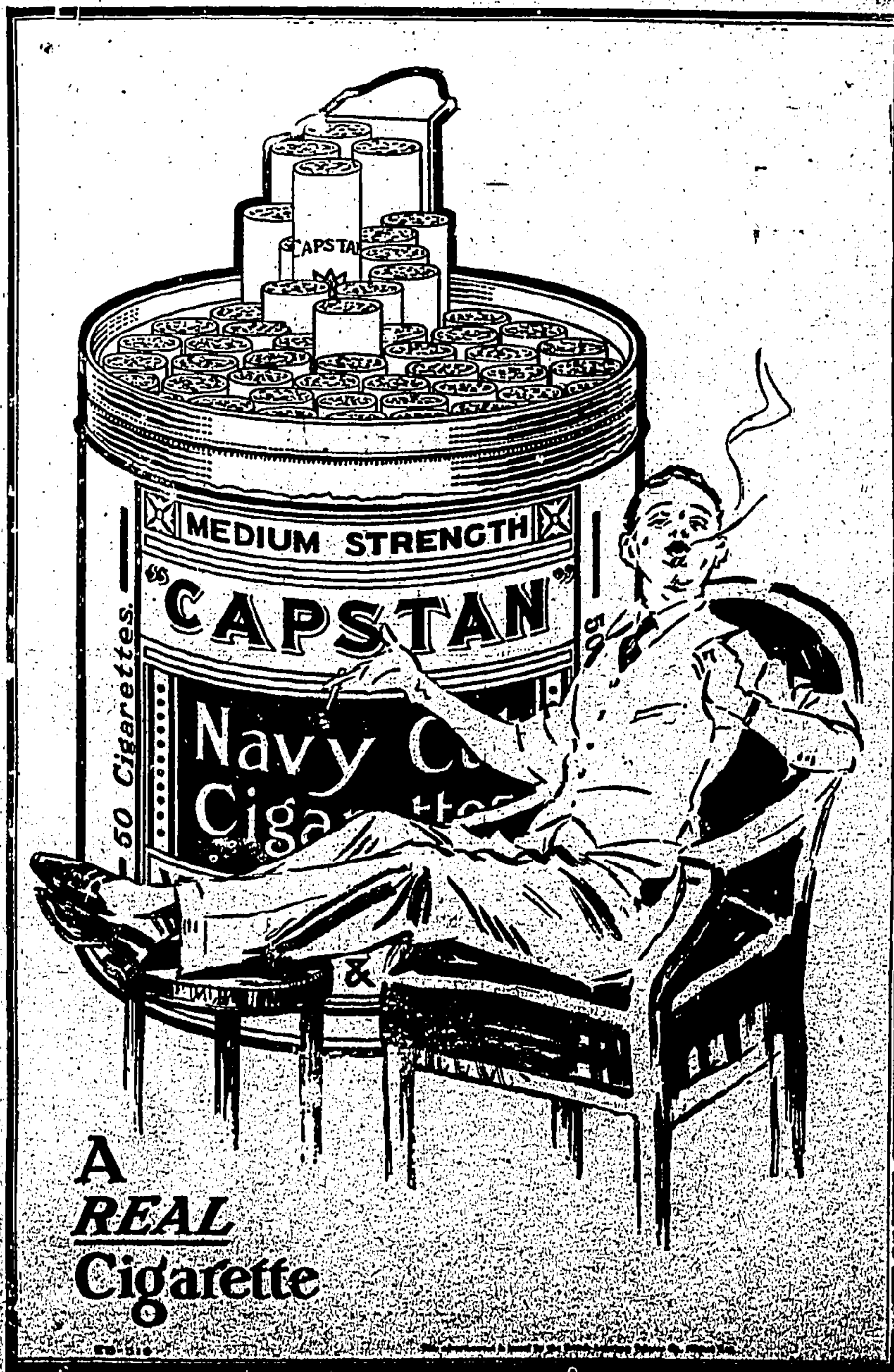
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PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

On Tuesday, the 24th inst. the G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:

G.P.O.—8 a.m. to noon.
Kowloon Branch—8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
Wantsai, Sheungwan, Saiyungpun, Yauwatti and Shumshuipo Branches—8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sunday and also one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

INWARD MAILS.

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MONDAY, MAY	23
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Taiyo Maru.
Shanghai	Chenan.
TUESDAY, MAY	24
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Madison.
Japan & Shanghai	Mishima Maru.
Saigon	Athos II.
THURSDAY, MAY	26
Straits	Trebartha.
FRIDAY, MAY	27
Shanghai	Morea.
SUNDAY, MAY	29
Straits	Hakozaki Maru.
MONDAY, MAY	30
Manila	Empress of Canada.
Shanghai	Aeneas.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
MONDAY, MAY	23
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco 18th June & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	President Cleveland.
Sandakan	Fuh Tai
Samahai & Wuchow	Tai Hing
Manila	President Harrison
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Halphong	Hanoi
TUESDAY, MAY	24
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Hong
Manila	President Madison
Amoy	Suiyang
Amoy	Kumsang
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 24th June. G.P.O.—Registration 11.15 a.m. Letters Noon. K.P.O.—Registration 10.30 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Athos II.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	Angers
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Nyanza
WEDNESDAY, MAY	25
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 6th June. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Mishima Maru.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

arrived. Veritable bunches of human grapes were clinging to the walls of the buildings. The faint drone of an aero engine at 10.15 electrified the emotional multitude. When beams of light shone out there was immediately a mad rush. The crowd neapinned the cordon of troops and police and smashed the iron barriers. The people were shouting and singing and weeping. Lindbergh was calm and serene and jumped to the ground, removed his helmet and donned a straw hat. The delicious admirers then seized and chaired the hero who eventually with utmost difficulty was shepherded by soldiers to the aerodrome offices where he was greeted by the American Ambassador, French Cabinet officials and flying aces. At length the lights were extinguished and under cover of darkness Lindbergh after midnight was smuggled in a motorcar to Paris. He called at the American Embassy for a bath and later went to a hotel.

There were many accidents among the terrific mass of pedestrians and motorcars returning to Paris at a snail's pace.—Reuter.

World's Record Broken.

London, May 22. Lindbergh's flight of about 3,600 miles has broken the World's non-stop record, also all Atlantic records. He has incidentally won the Orteig prize of \$25,000.

His magnificent courage and determination in navigation has not demonstrated any technical advance in aviation, however, beyond the fact that machines are able to carry more fuel than in 1919 when the only other crossing of the North Atlantic was made by Sir John Alcock and Sir Arthur W. Brown.

In Paris the troops were actually obliged to charge the crowd at Le Bourget to save Lindbergh from over zealous enthusiasts.

Swedish Congratulations.

Stockholm, May 22. Parliamentary leaders have jointly telegraphed to Lindbergh congratulating a "descendant of Swedish parents" on his brilliant success.—Reuter.

"He Made It!"

New York, May 22. There has not been such public enthusiasm since the Armistice as was occasioned by Lindbergh's flight.

"He made it!" The cry was echoed from mouth to mouth along Broadway, where the theatre crowds danced and sang with unbounded joy amid the deafening roar of whistles and horns, while bushes of shredded paper were tossed from countless windows.

Reuter's American Service.

Congratulations.

Washington, May 22. President Coolidge sent a message to Lindbergh, rejoicing at his brilliant flight and saying "The first non-stop flight by a lone aviator across the Atlantic crowns the record of American aviation." The message concluded with expressing admiration for Nungesser and Coli and stressing the continued American anxiety concerning them.—Reuter's American Service.

Postponed Flight.

New York, May 22. His friends persuaded Chamberlain to postpone indefinitely the flight of the monoplane "Columbia."

Bertaud has been dropped as pilot, following the judge's cancelling the injunction against Levine.

Bertaud's successor has been chosen but his name has not been revealed.—Reuter's American Service.

OPIUM SMOKING FINES.

Two Chinese sappers of the Royal Engineers were this morning fined \$2 each by Mr. R. E. Lindsell for smoking opium in a house in St. Francis Yard, Wanchai.

A blind man was fined a total of \$100 or, in default, eight weeks' jail, for keeping an opium divan and unlawful possession of 2.5 mace of non-Government opium.

At the concert arranged by Mrs. Costen at the Cheong O, Chater Road, to-morrow night, Miss Eileen Woods will give a couple of numbers.

TO-DAY'S DOLLARS.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day, was 2/0 1/10.

EARLY CHINA NEWS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

British Consul Withdraws From Chinkiang.

Shanghai, May 22. His Majesty's Consul at Chinkiang has withdrawn and all the official archives have been removed. It is understood that, while the actual property of the Consulate was more or less preserved throughout the looting, all private property belonging to the personnel was either stolen or damaged.—Reuter.

H.M.S. "Hawkins."

Shanghai, May 22. A telegram from Hankow, dated May 20th, states that H.M.S. "Hawkins," with Sir R. Tyrwhitt aboard, has gone down the river. It is believed here (Shanghai) that Admiral Tyrwhitt is coming.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Another New X-Word Puzzle To-day.

The fourth Cross-Word Puzzle of the "China Mail's" new series is published to-day and will be found on page three of this issue. The result of last week's puzzle will be announced on Thursday.

down for the purpose of conferring with Sir M. Lamson on the general Yangtze situation.—Reuter.

Wuchang's Fate.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] Shanghai, May 21. Persistent rumours are current to-day in Shanghai that General Yang Sen's troops this morning "captured" Wuchang, which is across the Yangtze from Hankow and is the Communists' headquarters.

There are also reports from Chinese sources in Nanking that the Wuhan area is now controlled by Chang Kai-shek's partisans. The inference is either that Wuchang and its environs are

ROYAL TOUR.

Duke and Duchess Leave Australasia.

Rugby, May 22. H.M.S. "Renown" with the Duke and Duchess of York on board will sail on Monday on the completion of the New Zealand and Australian tours, which have been immensely successful throughout.

The Duke was particularly interested in work of the Fairbridge Farmers' School at Pinjarra where young immigrants are trained for farm careers.—British Wireless Service.

actually occupied by anti-Red troops or that there is a general rising and a declaration in favour of the Moderates.

However, local official sources are unable to confirm these reports.

A City of the Dead.

London, May 21. The locked doors of banks, empty rice shops, and deserted river at Hankow, says the "Times" in a leader, signify a conspicuous Bolshevik defeat and with the now obvious decline of the Bolshevik factor a more nearly typical Chinese situation is again arising on the Yangtze.

It is hard to say whether it contains elements susceptible to the recently declared principles of British policy in China but the search for a friendly and reasonable China will be maintained in spite of the bitter disappointments experienced during the last few months on the Yangtze.—Reuter.

Clash Imminent at Hankow.

Shanghai, May 21. The situation in Hankow grows more serious and more menacing daily.

The armies threatening the city are drawing nearer.

General Yang Sen has landed with troops from a Portuguese steamer (which he commandeered) within fifty miles of Hankow and, it is reported, is engaging Communist troops from Wuchang.

A large section of the Hupeh Nationalist troops stationed at Yangyang (across the Han River from Hankow) have announced that they are anti-Red. A clash with the Communists may therefore be expected.

Large troop movements from Hankow to Wuchang indicate the seriousness with which the Communists view the threat from General Yang Sen and Chiang Kai-shek.

In view of the seriousness of the position in Hankow the Japanese destroyers, "Hinko" and "Momi" with 160 marines and six field-guns, have been ordered to proceed to Hankow from Shanghai immediately.—Reuter.

UNDER THE BED.

STORY OF A BORROWED GRAMOPHONE.

STEALING CHARGES FAIL.

A young Chinese woman living at No. 114 First Street, West Point, was this morning charged with the unlawful possession of a rattan basket and four pieces of clothing, property said to have been stolen from No. 447, Queen's Road West. The missing property was recovered by the police in a cockpit in which the accused had her bed.

She pleaded that she was the sweetheart of the principal tenant's son who had brought the goods home. Since her arrest, she said, the son could not be found.

The Magistrate thought the woman's lover was the guilty party. The police agreed and the woman was discharged because there was nothing to prove that she knew the things were stolen property.

Later the elusive young man's father and mother were charged with the unlawful possession of a gramophone and one record, alleged to have been stolen from No. 72 Second Street.

They said the property was brought home by their son.

Replying to the Magistrate the father said his son was unemployed.

Asked how an unemployed man could afford to buy an expensive gramophone, the father said when the son brought the gramophone home, he said he had borrowed it from a friend for a few days.

Although the police pointed out the gramophone was found under a bed, the Magistrate decided to discharge the accused because there was nothing to prove guilty knowledge, remarking that it was not unusual for Chinese of this class to keep articles under the bed.

The man was immediately discharged, but his wife who persisted in interrupting the Magistrate and had to be removed from the dock before the case could be proceeded with, was ordered by the Magistrate to be detained for half-an-hour.

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The ceremony was cancelled, but the names of both will remain on the Roll of Burghesses.

The speeches prepared for the occasion, though not delivered, have been published.

Lord Cowdray's speech opened with a remarkable tribute to his wife, whom he described as a "perfect partner, beyond praise or price."

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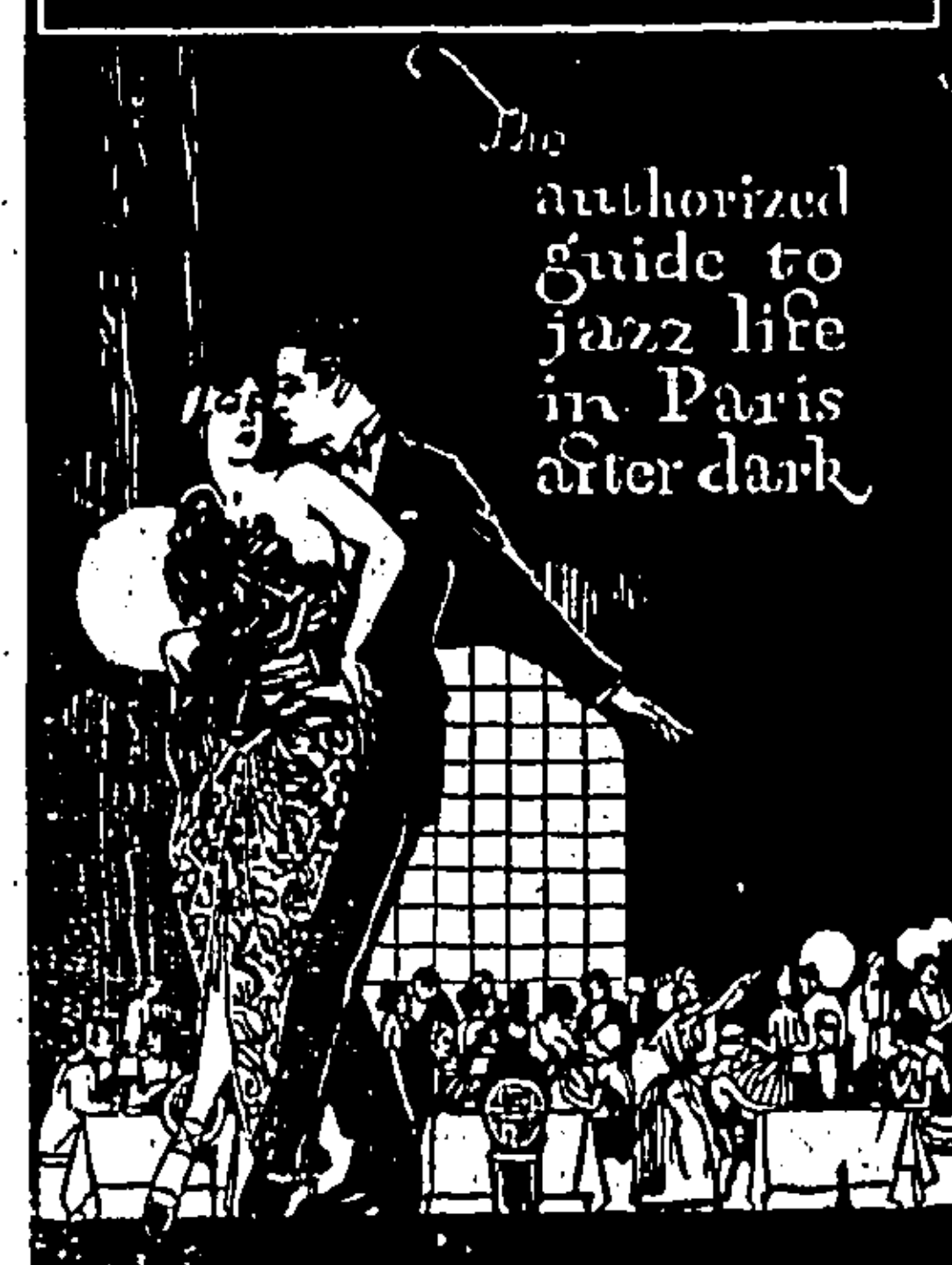
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